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# Controversial GMA adviser is an 'alien'

## *If proven so, Dante Ang faces jail, loss of businesses*

**By Jerry Esplanada**

**DANTE Ang, the controversial publisher of the Manila Times and one-time "personal publicist" of President Macapagal-Arroyo, may not even be a Filipino, sources in the Supreme Court and the Department of Justice told the INQUIRER.**

Ang is "not a Filipino citizen; he is Chinese. He has been an alien all these years and remains an alien up to this very moment," a source in the high court said.

Ang's birth certificate, a copy of which this newspaper obtained, shows that the influential businessman was born to Jose Ang, a 26-year-old Chinese from Amoy, China, and 22-year-old Lagrimas Arevalo, a Filipina, on June 27, 1942 in Las Piñas.

"If he, Dante Ang, was a legitimate child, born of a legal union and of a Chinese father, his citizenship would be Chinese, not Filipino. This is if we are to follow the 1935 Constitution, in place during the time of his birth, which clearly said the citizenship of the child follows the citizenship of the father, irrespective of the child's place of birth," a DOJ lawyer said.

Crucially, Ang's citizenship bears on his ownership of The Times, because the 1987 Constitution provides that Philippine mass media be wholly Filipino-owned.

Immigration Commissioner Andrea Domingo, reached for comment on Wednesday, said that "if (Ang) is really an alien and the allegations against him regarding his citizenship are proven to be true, then he faces arrest."

Interviewed yesterday, Ang at first dis-

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DANTE ANG: I know who they are...

### Ang chooses to be biblical, not ballistic

INSTEAD, he said that rather than go ballistic, he preferred to "be biblical."

The newspaper publisher and public relations practitioner is not surprised he is once again on the blunt end of a very long stick. In fact, Dante Ang—now facing serious questions about his citizenship—even named his detractors one by one. But he asked this reporter not to print their names.

Instead, he said that rather than go ballistic, he preferred to "be biblical."

His message to his critics who now accuse him of being an "illegal alien" is simple: "Repent, the end is near."

He was apparently referring to the national elections 11 months from now.

"I know who they are and ev-

ANG/ A17

## NPC says GMA, Danding firming up alliance

**By Carlito Pablo**

A ONE-ON-ONE meeting between President Macapagal-Arroyo and businessman Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco on Wednesday boosted the likelihood that the two leaders of the country's biggest political parties in the ruling coalition would remain united in next year's presidential election.

The Lakas-CMD, which Ms Macapagal co-chairs with Speaker Jose de Venecia Jr., and the Nationalist People's Coalition, which Cojuangco heads, both belong to the ruling coalition in Congress. There has been talk, however, that Ms Macapagal and Cojuangco will end their alliance and fight each other in the May 10, 2004 presidential election.

"What happened was they touched base. All preliminaries ... no commitments were made," Sorsogon Rep. Francis Escudero, NPC spokesperson, said of the meeting between Ms Macapagal and Cojuangco at Villamor Air Base where the President later spoke at the 56th anniversary celebration of the Philippine Air Force.

Escudero said the two leaders agreed on the need to strengthen the ruling coalition and maintain unity in the 2004

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### 25 YEARS IN MINDORO

## American dons G-string, lives with Mangyans

**By Madonna T. Virola**
*PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

CALAPAN CITY—The 46-year-old wears a G-string with ease, his teeth have been darkened by 15 years of chewing betel nut, and he speaks fluent Filipino.

To think he's an American.

Frank Fischer arrived in Oriental Mindoro in October 1978 with 30 other Peace Corps volunteers. Then 21 and a fresh graduate of economics from a university in New York, he never dreamed he would spend the next 25 years of his life on the island with the Mangyan, a people he didn't even know existed.

"*Lubak-lubak pa ang kalsada noon mula sa* Calapan pier *papuntang* Bongabong (The road from the Calapan pier to Bongabong town was still rough)," says Fischer, whom the townsfolk call Kiko.

In those days, the cost of a boat ride from Batangas to Oriental Mindoro was only P6. That trip of three hours has since been cut to two (for P82), and even 45 minutes (on the Supercat, for P240).

To get from Calapan to Bongabong, his work area, Kiko paid P11.

"*Akala ko, lahat ay dagat at bundok sa* Asia," Kiko says, recalling his initial notion that it was all sea and mountains in the region.

He arrived in Barangay Batangan, a lively community with houses close to

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'MANG-YANK.' His name is Frank Fischer but he is plain Kiko to the Mangyans of Bongabong. PDI SOUTHERN LUZON BUREAU

MGA WOW, PARE...WOW! SUMUKO NA KAMO KUNG AYAW N'YONG MA DEDO!

### Pushers fear Davao death squad, surrender

**By Anthony S. Allada**
*PDI Mindanao Bureau*

DAVAO CITY—A shot of shabu or a fatal shot?

A vigilante group is administering an effective dose of fear among suspected pushers and users of illegal drugs in the city.

PUSHERS/ A14

## DOJ bats for death of drug convicts

**By Philip C. Tubeza, Juliet Labog-Javellana and Jerome Aning**

HANG them.

The Department of Justice yesterday batted for the lifting of the moratorium on the death penalty, particularly concerning drug convicts, so that the heightened campaign against illegal drugs would have "impact."

"The government has just declared war on drugs, so I think the campaign might have a stronger impact if we impose the decision of the courts on those who have been convicted and sentenced to suffer the penalty of death," said Justice Undersecretary Merceditas Gutierrez.

"We have the law, and we're supposed to impose it," she added.

The Supreme Court has affirmed the death penalty on 143 convicts as of Aug. 8, 2002. Currently, there are 38 persons on death row who were convicted of drug-related crimes.

But implementing the death penalty is one prickly issue that President Macapagal-Arroyo prefers not to touch for now, judging from the remarks of her spokesperson Ignacio Bunye.

"The President has expressed support for the idea of executing convicted big-

DOJ/ A14

## Joker raps eerie silence on coco levy

**By Michael Lim Ubac and Dona Pazzibugan**

ADMINISTRATION maverick Sen. Joker Arroyo decried the eerie silence that greeted his disclosure the other day about an alleged secret agreement over the disputed coconut levy funds.

"Nobody is reacting to an issue which involves the morality of the entire nation? It is now clear that everybody is scared," said Arroyo.

The INQUIRER yesterday tried to talk with the officer-in-charge of the Presidential Commission on Good Government, Commissioner Ruben Carranza, but he refused to comment on the issue.

Carranza said Malacañang, not the PCGG, was the proper entity to discuss the issue.

Presidential spokesperson Ignacio Bunye, however, said the PCGG should be the one to comment on Arroyo's claim.

When asked if Arroyo's allegation was true, Bunye issued a simple denial: "There's no basis to that report."

Yesterday, Arroyo claimed the mysterious silence of the Macapagal administration on the supposed agreement between Palace officials and businessman Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco was "ominous."

"This is a P100-billion question," he said, referring to the estimated value of the levy funds, collected as forced tax from coconut farmers from 1973 to 1982 during the Marcos regime.

But Arroyo's exposé, which was notably short of details, did get a strong reaction from coconut farmers. They denounced Malacañang for entertaining a compromise with Cojuangco at all.

JOKER/ A18

## Labor dep't sends team to investigate Taytay sweatshop

**By Martin P. Marfil**

A TEAM of inspectors has been dispatched to a garments factory in Taytay, Rizal, to look into workers' complaints of sweatshop conditions there, including 48- or 72-hour work shifts reportedly made possible by an insomnia-inducing drug.

The team was expected to submit a report on work conditions at Anvil Ensembles yesterday afternoon, said Nicon Fameronag, information director of the Department of Labor and Employment.

Asked whether the factory would be closed down, Fameronag said it would be "if warranted."

Ernesto Herrera, secretary general of the Trade Union Congress of the Philippines (TUCP) and a former lawmaker, urged the DOLE to investigate the allegation that Anvil owners were offering the drug Duromine to workers to enable them to meet production quotas.

"You cannot force anyone to take drugs..." Herrera said in a phone interview. "If drugs are going to be used, these should be drugs that will promote the health of workers. And they should be administered upon the advice of doctors."

But Herrera does not recommend Anvil's closure.

"Closure is too drastic. The workers will lose their jobs. What is important is to protect their rights," he said, echoing the sentiments of the workers interviewed for a special report published Wednesday by the INQUIRER.

The report said Anvil, a subcontractor of baby clothes for such First World companies as Sears & Roebuck, had been offering its workers the antiobesity drug Duromine. It said the drug supposedly

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**WEATHER FORECAST**

FORECAST: Southern Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of Luzon will have partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers and thunderstorms.

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# Lastimoso sacked; Bengzon is LTO OIC

LASTIMOSO

**PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday fired Land Transportation Office chief Roberto Lastimoso just four weeks after subjecting him to a severe tongue-lashing during a surprise inspection of the LTO last month.**

Press Secretary Milton Alingod said the President has appointed Agustin R. Bengzon the transportation undersecretary for special concerns, as LTO officer in charge effective yesterday.

The President reportedly believes in Bengzon's integrity and "has confidence in him."

No explanation was given for replacing Lastimoso.

Lastimoso, however, said he had not been officially informed of his dismissal. He said it was Transportation Secretary Leandro Mendoza who should inform him of the Malacañang order, but he spoke with Mendoza yesterday and the latter did not say anything.

But the rumors of his firing could be true, they just have to reach him officially, Lastimoso said.

The President's spokesperson, Ignacio Bunye, could not confirm the story of Lastimoso's relief late yesterday evening. He told GMA7 television he had no official information on it.

Alingod said the "papers" on Bengzon's appointment were sent to Mendoza yesterday.

He said Lastimoso, who has reportedly asked to be appointed to the Philippine Ports Authority, would remain an assistant secretary at the Department of Transportation and Communication.

Lastimoso's dismissal is believed to have been prompted by complaints about the proliferation of "fixers" and the laxity at the LTO. Employees at the agency leave work one hour before the close of office hours.

The President personally witnessed this, when she paid a surprise visit to the agency on June 9.

Before television cameras, the President blew her top when she saw that the employees were gone as early as 4 p.m.

Lastimoso himself was not around when the President made the rounds at the agency and listened to motorists complaining of the proliferation of fixers and the incompetence of the LTO and its employees.

She also noticed that there was no adequate security measure to prevent terrorist attacks.

When he arrived an hour later, Lastimoso got a dressing-down from the President for the lax security, the proliferation of fixers and the high cost of emergency early warning devices.

The President said her "spy" had experienced first-hand the activities of fixers in the agency.

She suspended the LTO's collection of the early warning device fee, noting that it was being sold for P485 in the LTO, when motorists can buy them elsewhere for P150.

Lastimoso immediately set out to carry out reforms in the agency and gave himself two weeks to implement them in all LTO branches.

Bengzon was appointed by ousted President Estrada as DOTC undersecretary for communications in 2000. He was replaced in that post by Virgilio Peña in 2002.

Bengzon became undersecretary for special concerns and was also officer in charge of the National Telecommunications Commission last year.

Before becoming DOTC undersecretary, Bengzon was the administrator of the Maritime Industry Authority (Marina), an attached agency of the department.

Bengzon finished his Bachelor of cience degree from Ateneo de Manila University, earning a second degree in business administration from the University of the East. He has an MBA from the University of the Philippines. *Juliet Labog-Javellana and Amy R. Remo*

# No more tricks, Erap lawyer told

**By Armand N. Nocum**

ENOUGH already.

Quit the legal tricks and concentrate on presenting evidence.

This was the advice that special prosecutor Dennis Villa-Ignacio gave Joseph Estrada's de parte counsel Alan Paguia, who filed an omnibus motion aimed at getting the Sandiganbayan to dismiss plunder charges against the ousted president.

Last Wednesday, the motion, which contended that Estrada was still president of the country, was dismissed by the special division of the Sandiganbayan.

The anti-graft court also said it could not overturn the decision of the Supreme Court upholding the validity of President Macapagal-Arroyo's government.

"(To) invalidate a final and executory decision of the highest court of the land would be rank absurdity," it stressed.

"He should know when to give up," Villa-Ignacio said, referring to Paguia's plan to file a motion before the Supreme Court for reconsideration of the plunder charges.

## Delaying tactics

In an interview with Sandigabayan reporters, Villa-Ignacio admitted that even while he said this, the prosecution was bracing for more delaying tactics from Paguia.

He lamented that Paguia's motion, along with others filed by Estrada's court-appointed lawyers, had already caused the presentation of evidence to be delayed four times.

The latest resetting of the plunder hearing was from June 30 to July 28.

Yesterday, Paguia said he would file on Monday for a reconsideration of the Sandigan's dismissal of his omnibus motion, and ask the court to hear it on Friday.

He and his co-counsels were "disappointed" with the decision, Paguia said, because "the main issue, which is the prejudgment of (Ms Macapagal's) Jan. 20, 2001 oath-taking, was not answered."

In its 11-page resolution, the anti-graft court said it could not "question the motives/biases of the (Supreme Court) justices."

## Motives, biases

Paguia protested that he had questioned not motives or biases, which were "internal" matters, but the fact that the justices attended the oath-taking, which was an "external" action that "prejudged the issue."

Also yesterday, the Supreme Court said that the Sandiganbayan's decision to dismiss Estrada's petition to put Ms Macapagal and high court justices on the witness stand was "expected."

"(It) could not have ruled any other way," Assistant Court Administrator Ismael Khan Jr. said in a phone interview.

## Final

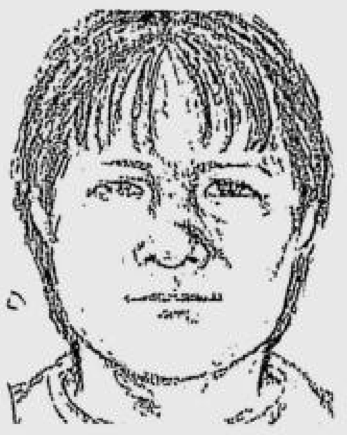
Khan explained that the SC's decision legitimizing the Macapagal administration after Edsa II had "long been considered final."

Estrada wanted the President and the SC justices to appear before the Sandiganbayan to explain what he charged was a conspiracy to oust him during Edsa II.

Chief Justice Hilario Davide and seven other magistrates still face an impeachment complaint in the House of Representatives, also filed by Estrada's lawyers.

But Khan said the complaint had not prospered, or "gotten to the part where the House is in a position to send it to whomever."

Davide earlier said the whole court would answer the impeachment raps once they became official. *With Philip C. Tubeza*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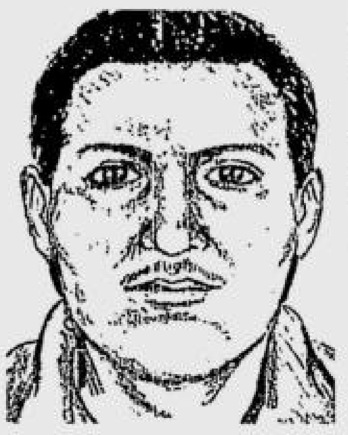
SUSPECT 2

# *Sketches of Go attackers out*

**By Margaux Ortiz**

AT LAST, a lead for Western Police District (WPD) investigators working on the Go Teng Kok case.

WPD Chief Supt. Pedro Bulaong yesterday presented to the media artist's sketches of two suspects in the attack on Go, president of the Philippine Amateur Track and Field Association (Patafa), on Tuesday morning in Malate, Manila.

Bulaong said the sketches showed that the police were "on the right track." *(See related story on p. A21.)*

Go, driving a black Mitsubishi Adventure, was parking outside the Patafa offices inside the Rizal Memorial Complex at 8 a.m., when a man opened fire at close range. Another man, on an Enduro-type motorcycle, acted as lookout.

The victim sustained three wounds in the face.

Bulaong said the gunman was around 32-42 years old, 5'2" to 5'3" tall, and weighing 110 to 115 pounds, with brown complexion and long, wavy hair.

The lookout was described as 25-40 years old, 5'4" tall, weighing 135 pounds, and with brown complexion.

Witnesses told police that the gunman was armed with either a 9 mm or .45-cal pistol.

Probers have yet to establish a motive for the murder attempt.

Even Go's family could not come up with possible motives, Bulaong told the INQUIRER in a phone interview. "My station commander, Col. Bernardo Diaz, has been conferring with them, but they say they have no clue as to the assailants' identity or intention."

The artists sketches were all that the investigators had, Bulaong said. "But we are assuring the people concerned that we are exploring every possible angle."

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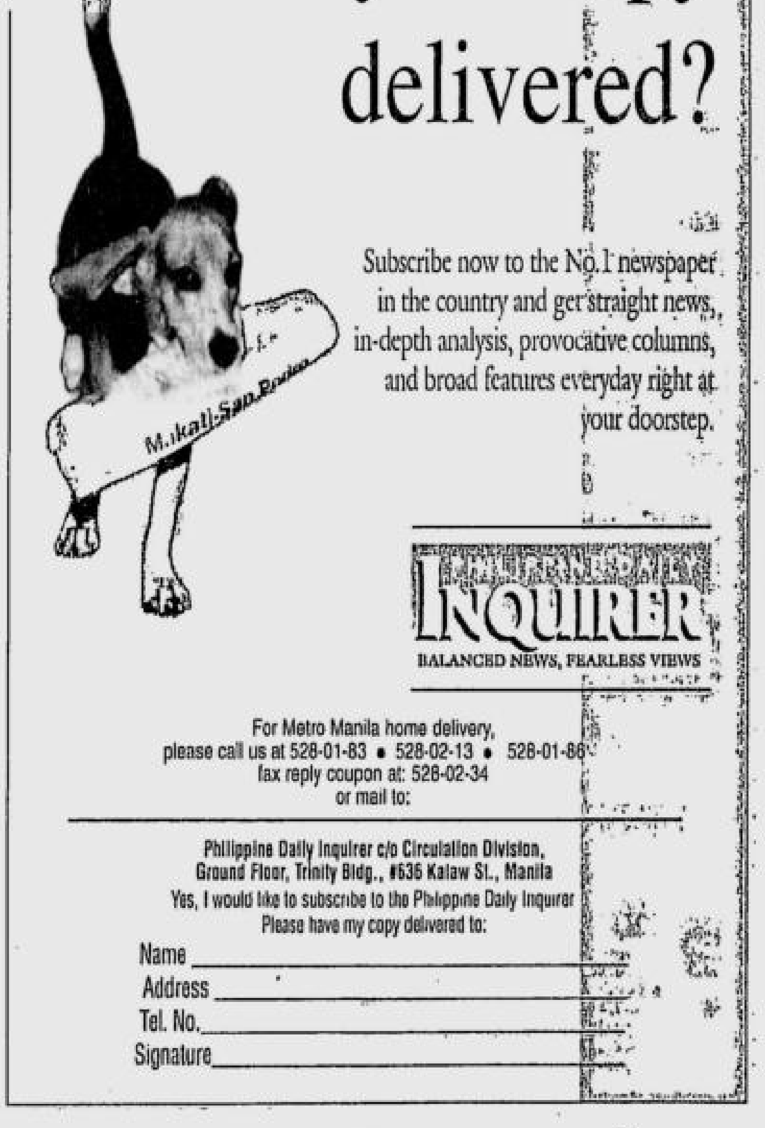
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# 2 Pinoy workers kidnapped in Nigeria found; release seen

LAGOS, Nigeria—Three foreign oil workers, including two Filipinos, kidnapped by suspected pirates in southern Nigeria have been located in the country's oil-rich delta region and are in good health, oil company officials said on Wednesday.

"The guys have been located and they are hale and hearty," a senior official following the case told Reuters, asking not to be identified.

He said intermediaries found them in a village somewhere in the Burutu and Bomadi area of Delta state.

The official said he was hopeful the German and two Filipinos who have spent more than a week in captivity in the mangrove swamps of the Niger delta would be freed soon.

He said they were found by intermediaries but declined to elaborate.

"Our hope is that the matter will be resolved soon. I don't think the situation is bad at all," he added.

The men, working for a Shell Nigeria contractor were kidnapped on June 23 by a gang of 45 pirates from their tug boat, Sea Buck Cygnet II, off the Forcados oil terminal.

Their employer was identified on Wednesday as Sea Bulk Ltd., which in turn works for Shell contractor Willbros Nigeria Ltd.

Oil company officials said they expected the two companies to work towards their release.

Shell said earlier the unidentified abductors had demanded a ransom of 25 million naira ($2 million) and another 400,000 naira for feeding the captives.

Nigerian navy and army units launched a manhunt for the three in the murky creeks of the delta, where community militants have tormented oil companies for years.

Multinationals operating in the volatile area beefed up security around their offshore facilities to forestall fresh attacks by local gangs in reaction to any military crackdown. *Reuters*

## Comelec unseats vice mayor

THE COMMISSION of Elections yesterday ordered the vice mayor of Puerto Princesa City to vacate his post and cease and desist from performing the functions of the office.

In an 18-page resolution, the Comelec First Division annulled and set aside the May 21, 2001 proclamation of vice mayor Fernando Batul.

The case stemmed from the protest filed by his opponent Lucilo Bayron on May 30, 2001. Bayron complained that Batul cheated in the elections.

In the resolution, the Comelec ruled on contested and claimed ballots in which a summation of the findings showed that Batul had a total of 16,696 ballots while Bayron had 17,520.

Based on these results, the resolution said it "is clear that Lucilo Bayron won over Fernando Batul by a plurality of 824 votes. Bayron is therefore the duly elected vice mayor of Puerto Princesa City."

The resolution, however, is not final and executory. Batul was given five days to file a motion for reconsideration before the Comelec en banc.

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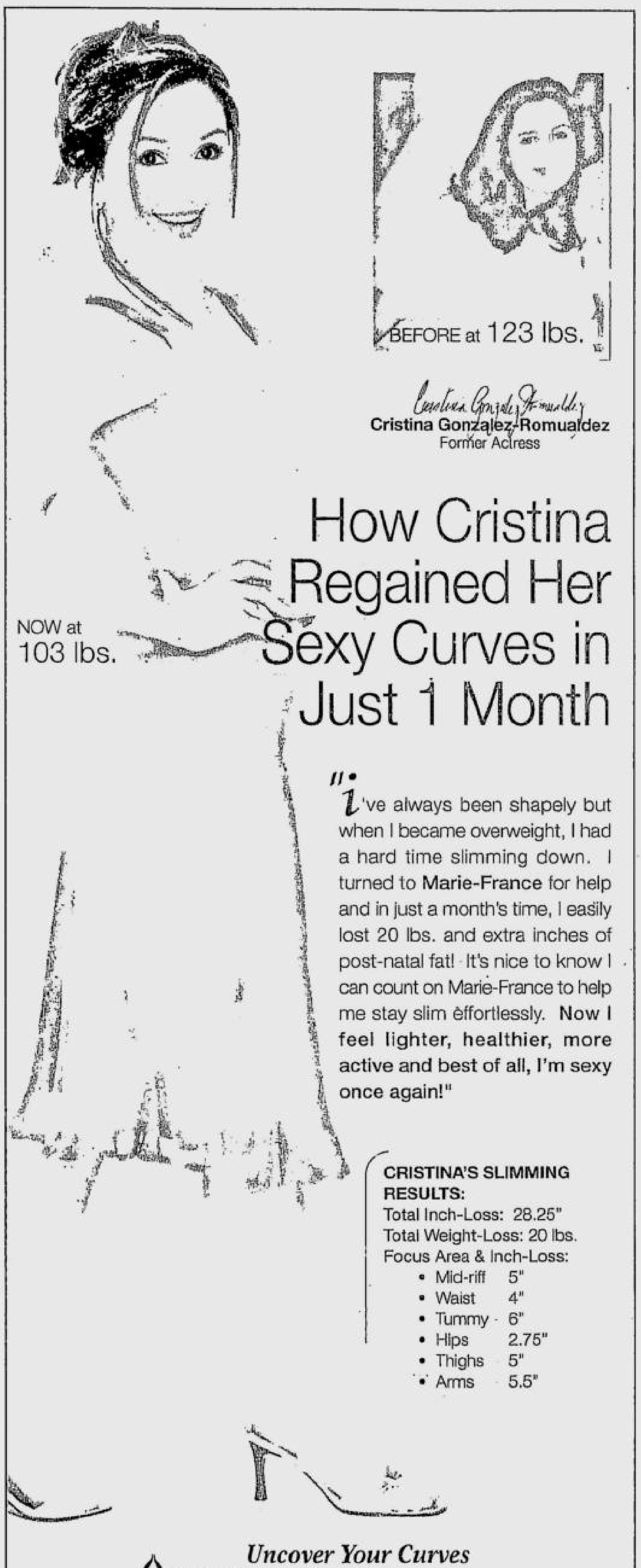

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# Gov't, NDF to resume formal talks in Oslo later this month

**By Juliet Labog-Javellana**

PEACE negotiators of the government and the communist-led National Democratic Front have agreed to resume formal peace talks by the end of this month.

Chief government negotiator Silvestre Bello III yesterday said the "mutual understanding" was reached in meetings held from June 26-29 in the Netherlands.

In a briefing in Malacañang, Bello said Speaker Jose de Venecia Jr., who had been conducting back-channel talks with NDF leaders, had called him and Tarlac Gov. Jose Yap to Oslo, Norway. Completing the government team was Norberto Gonzales, presidential adviser for special concerns.

The NDF panel, led by chief negotiator Luis Jalandoni, included consultant and Communist Party of the Philippines founder Jose Ma. Sison, Fidel Agcaoili, and the widow of the late Antonio Zumel.

Agcaoili told the Associated Press in a telephone interview from the Dutch city of Utrecht that the NDF agreed to the talks "as a matter of principle." However, he said the end of July might be "too early," and suggested September or October.

From Berlin, De Venecia also announced the forthcoming resumption by way of disputing criticisms that his back-channel approach had failed.

In a statement, De Venecia said: "Peace talks with the NDF will resume in Oslo during the last week of this month. The peace panels have agreed to concentrate on issues to break the impasse."

The Norwegian government hosted the last round of talks in 2001. But the Philippines pulled out after guerrillas killed a former congressman they accused of human rights violations. Last February, the NDF rejected a draft final agreement proposed by the government.

Bello said the NDF leaders had proposed that the talks be held in China, but that on account of the SARS epidemic, he suggested that they stay in Oslo. The NDF leaders seemed "agreeable" to the suggestion, he said.

Also, he added, the government wanted Norway to become a third-party mediator, and not just a host.

But Bello said both sides had raised conditions prior to the resumption of talks, especially with regards to "very contentious issues." He said he reiterated the government's position that there should be only one comprehensive final peace agreement instead of four separate agreements under the "old process framework." *With Carlito Pablo and a report from AP*

# Palace at a loss on Hashim role in talks

**By Juliet Labog-Javellana**

MALACAÑANG is at a loss on whether the chair of the separatist Moro Islamic Liberation Front Salamat Hashim will be sitting as a negotiator in the peace talks that are expected to resume soon in Kuala Lumpur.

The MILF is supposed to have submitted five names, including Salamat's, to Malaysia as its negotiators.

"The MILF has given the names of their five negotiators to the Malaysian government for the formal peace talks. Among the five are Hashim Salamat," presidential spokesperson Ignacio Bunye told the state-run Radyo ng Bayan yesterday.

However, MILF spokesperson Eid Kabalu has been denying in various media interviews that Salamat would join the negotiations, said Eduardo Ermita, the presidential adviser on the peace process and the chief government negotiator.

"That is why we're quite wary about it," Ermita said.

"It only shows there is wisdom in the government position of getting statements from Salamat himself and not from the MILF spokesman," he said.

The problem, however, is that the government negotiating panel has no personal communication with Salamat and usually learns of the MILF position on issues through the media.

Ermita said the government communicates to the MILF through Malaysia which acts as a third-party mediator in the talks.

The government has demanded that Salamat join the negotiations as a condition for resuming the talks.

Yesterday, Ermita said the government now wanted a written statement from Salamat himself stating the members of the MILF negotiating panel.

He said the government was close to granting a demand from the rebels to lift the arrest warrants for its leaders so the talks could resume.

A validated list of the MILF panel from Salamat would enable government to know which of the panel members with warrants of arrest would participate in the talks, Ermita said.

Bunye said, however, it was still up to the MILF to take the legal steps to have the arrest warrant lifted.

"The MILF must initiate legal moves. They have to make representations with the Davao (court), through their lawyers' support, so the warrant will not be enforced," Bunye said.

Yesterday, MILF spokesperson Eid Kabalu denied for the nth time that Salamat would head the MILF negotiating team.

"We do not have a new panel. Brother (Ibrahim) Murad is still our chief negotiator," Kabalu said.

"As I am speaking today, we have not sent a new list to the Malaysian government. As a protocol, we send them any communication in connection with the peace process," he said.

Mohagher Iqbal, MILF information chief, wondered where the government got the idea that Salamat would be on the team. *With reports from TJ Burgonio, Metro Manila, and Edwin O. Fernandez, Anthony S. Allada and Dennis Jay C. Santos, PDI Mindanao Bureau, Allan A. Nawal, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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# Abu Sayyaf launches new attacks

WITH THE BULK of the military's forces focused on fighting communist rebels in recent days, the Abu Sayyaf kidnap gang launched fresh offensives in Mindanao on Wednesday, leaving a soldier dead and four others injured in separate incidents in Sulu and Zamboanga City.

In Sulu, a Marine and five Abu Sayyaf gunmen were killed during a clash in Barangay Pansul, Patikul on Wednesday, military officials said.

Col. Nelson Allaga, commander of the 3rd Marine Brigade, said soldiers on patrol had stumbled on an Abu Sayyaf band triggering a 10-minute gun battle.

During the clash, a soldier identified only as a Sgt. Baldesanco was killed when he stepped on a land mine planted by the bandits.

Brig. Gen. Alexander Aleo, commander of the Army's 103rd Infantry Brigade, said the Abu Sayyaf were seen dragging away the bodies of the five bandits killed in the fighting.

Four hours later, about 4:45 p.m., another group of Abu Sayyaf bandits ambushed the Army's 9th Special Forces Company in Barangay Muti, Curuan District in Zamboanga City, wounding four soldiers.

Major Gen. Trifonio Salazar, commander of the Army's 1st Infantry Division, said the military has been intensifying its patrols in the village, some 60 kms from the city proper, in the wake of reports that the bandits have landed in the city.

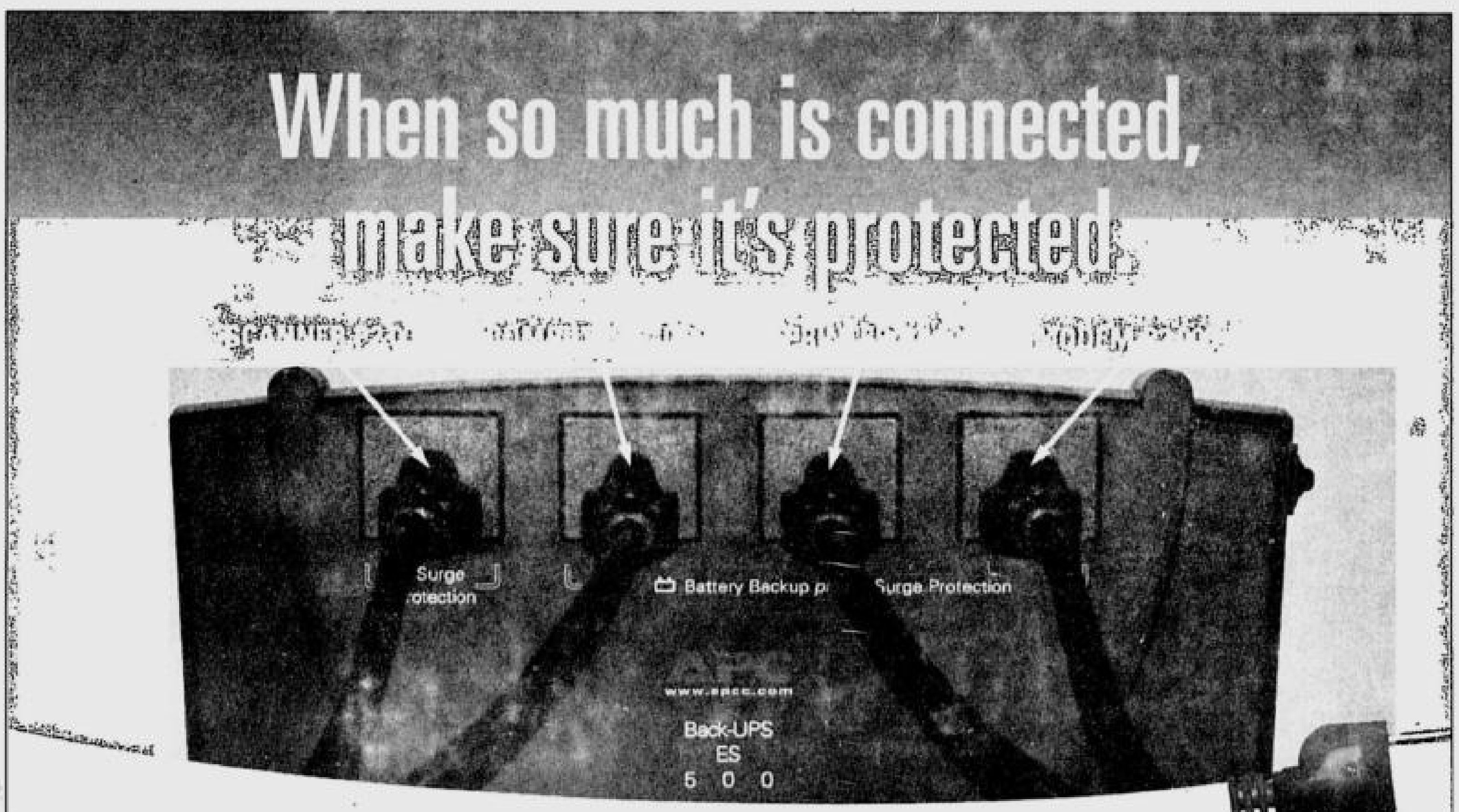
"We are (now) convinced that there are landings of the Abu Sayyaf group here," Salazar said.

Abu Sayyaf activity appears to have surged after the military pulled out some of its troops in Jolo and transferred them to Eastern Samar, following attacks there by the New People's Army.

Last Friday, the Abu Sayyaf beheaded three siblings who had been abducted two days earlier in Zamboanga City.

This was reportedly the first abduction by the bandit group since Roland Ulla, the last of the 21 people who were seized from the Sipadan island resort in Malaysia in 2001, escaped early last month

Mayor Maria Clara Lobregat said alarmed village residents of the village have fled following the ambush and gunbattle. As of yesterday, Lobregat said at least 300 families or about 1,500 individuals fled. *TJ Burgonio, with a report from Julie S. Alipala, PDI Mindanao Bureau*



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# Sabaya alive? Priest too gullible, says solon

**By Carlito Pablo**

WHY does Fr. Cirilo Nacorda still believe that Aldam Tilao, known as the flamboyant Abu Sabaya, is still alive?

"Fr. Nacorda is a good man but he is too trusting of supposed informants," Rep. Prospero Pichay (Lakas, Surigao del Sur) said yesterday.

Pichay, chair of the House committee on national defense and security, said that the parish priest of Lamitan, Basilan, "treats each informant as if they were in the confessional box."

"If Sabaya were indeed alive, he would have been taunting the US for failing to get him," Pichay said. "He would have given several media interviews by now."

Sabaya was reportedly killed in a joint operation by Philippine and United States military forces off the coast of Zamboanga del Norte in June 2002.

Sabaya's killing was one of the highlights of last year's Balikatan 02-1, the joint RP-US military exercise that targeted the Abu Sayyaf.

Sabaya's body was not recovered and Nacorda has been saying that informants have even seen the former Abu Sayyaf spokesperson in the flesh.

According to Nacorda's latest information, Sabaya is now with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front.

Pichay said that while the military was unable to recover a body, they were able to present Sabaya's personal effects.

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When Jesus heard this he said, "Healthy people do not need a doctor, but sick people do. Go and find out what this means: What I want is mercy, not sacrifice. I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."

**Commentary**

*In the culture of Jesus' time more than in our own, table fellowship was a visible expression of a communion of life, a sharing of values and principles. The Pharisees who neatly divided people into the righteous and sinners saw Jesus' table company and they were scandalized. How could Jesus who claimed coming from God share a meal with public sinners? The holiness of Jesus consists not in whom he excludes but in whom he includes. Whom he sat at table with is a manifestation not of who is holy but who can be holy. He associates with people not because he is like them but because they can become like him. We will continue to see more and more gray heads bobbing in our churches unless we realize our own self-righteousness.*

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## NIDA BLANCA SLAY

# DOJ files extradition bid for Strunk

THE JUSTICE department yesterday turned over to the foreign affairs department a formal request to the United States to extradite Rod Lauren Strunk, a US citizen who is the principal suspect in the murder of his wife, actress Nida Blanca.

The request contained all the "material evidence" needed for his extradition, except for a missing document in which Strunk made a promise to return to the country, Justice Undersecretary Merceditas Gutierrez said.

The request and the documents will go to the Philippine Embassy in Washington D.C. The embassy will send them to the US Justice Department which will in turn submit the materials to the California court hearing Strunk's extradition case.

The materials include bank statements and sworn statements of witnesses and investigators, including that of dismissed National Bureau of Investigation medico-legal chief Maximo Reyes and Sen. Vicente Sotto.

Also included are photographs of Strunk and a videotape that showed him when Blanca's body was found at the Atlanta Center building in San Juan on Nov. 7, 2001 and a few days later, during the wake; the criminal records of suspect Philip Medel Jr. who had confessed to killing Blanca on Strunk's orders but who later recanted, alleging that he was tortured; and another videotape showing Medel when he signed his extrajudicial confession.

The only piece of evidence that the NBI failed to submit to the justice department's extradition panel was the missing document in which Strunk vowed to return to the Philippines in exchange for being granted leave to go to the US to visit his ailing mother.

"As of this time, I cannot say that it was lost. Maybe it was misplaced and they're looking for it. Let's give them the benefit of the doubt," Gutierrez said.

She said the missing document will not affect the case against Strunk since the Department of Justice already has a letter from his lawyers that also promised that Strunk would return to the Philippines. *Philip C. Tubeza*

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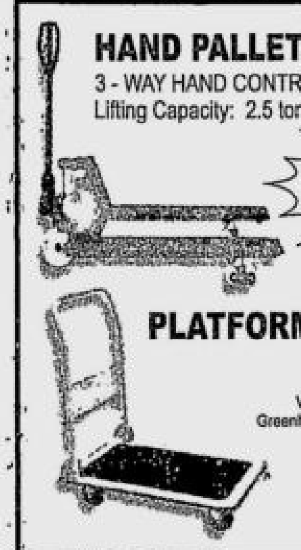

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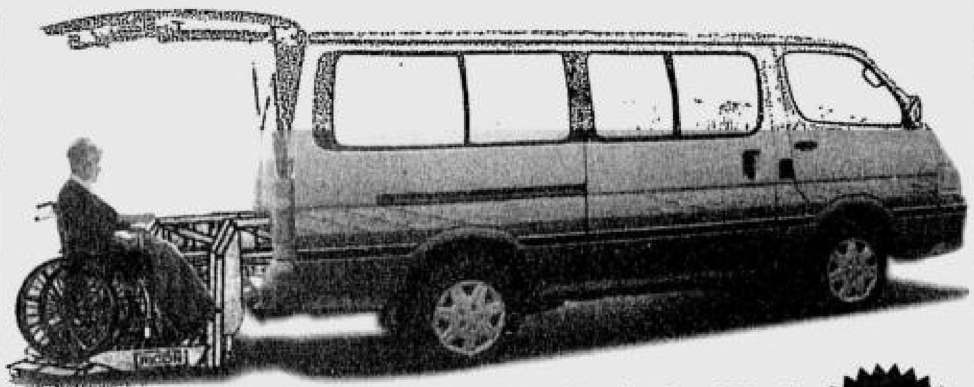

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**EDITORIAL**

THE MESSAGE was unmistakable and chilling. Written in Tagalog, it said: "If you want to continue living, stop selling shabu." The problem was that the persons to whom it was directly addressed could no longer heed the warning. They were all dead—all three of them, including one woman—killed by a group that called itself "Vigilantes Inc. QC Chapter."

The three victims were found with their eyes covered with masking tape and their throats slashed. Their bodies had been dumped early Tuesday morning in front of a house inside a middle-class subdivision in Quezon City.

That same morning, the torso of another male victim was found inside a sack in Barangay Quirino also in Quezon City. Police said the same group could have carried out the grisly execution.

These murders are by no means the first drug-related killings in Quezon City this year. In May the chopped-up bodies of two men were found in four different places around the city. A message found inside the garbage bag where some body parts had been stuffed read: "Warning to pushers: Just wait, you are next."

The bodies of suspected drug pushers seem to be piling up since the administration announced a renewed campaign against illegal drugs. On Monday night in Gapan City, Nueva Ecija, gunmen wearing bonnets shot a 21-year-old man whose name was on the list of 21 alleged drug pushers compiled by a group of vigilantes that was supposed to have disbanded.

Who are behind these cold-blooded killings? Various groups styling themselves as vigilantes out to crush the trade in illegal drugs have claimed responsibility for many of the killings. But at least one group has come forward to virtually admit being part of the campaign. The Red Vigilante Group (RVG), a unit of the Revolutionary Proletarian Army-Alex Boncayao Brigade (RPA-ABB), is strongly suspected of having carried out the killing in Gapan. Earlier that day a leader of the RVG announced on TV its list of local drug dealers which included the victim's name. As early as August last year, the founder of the RVG, Ric Peralta, claimed that his group had killed at least 20 people involved in the illegal drugs trade.

Lualhati Carapali, RPA-ABB national commander, has also said they were keeping a hit list of drug lords which they would share with the Philippine National Police. The RPA-ABB signed a peace agreement with the government in December 2000 and Carapali said their group's campaign against crime was in keeping with that agreement. As far as the anti-illegal drugs campaign was concerned, he said, his group had "already delivered its mission."

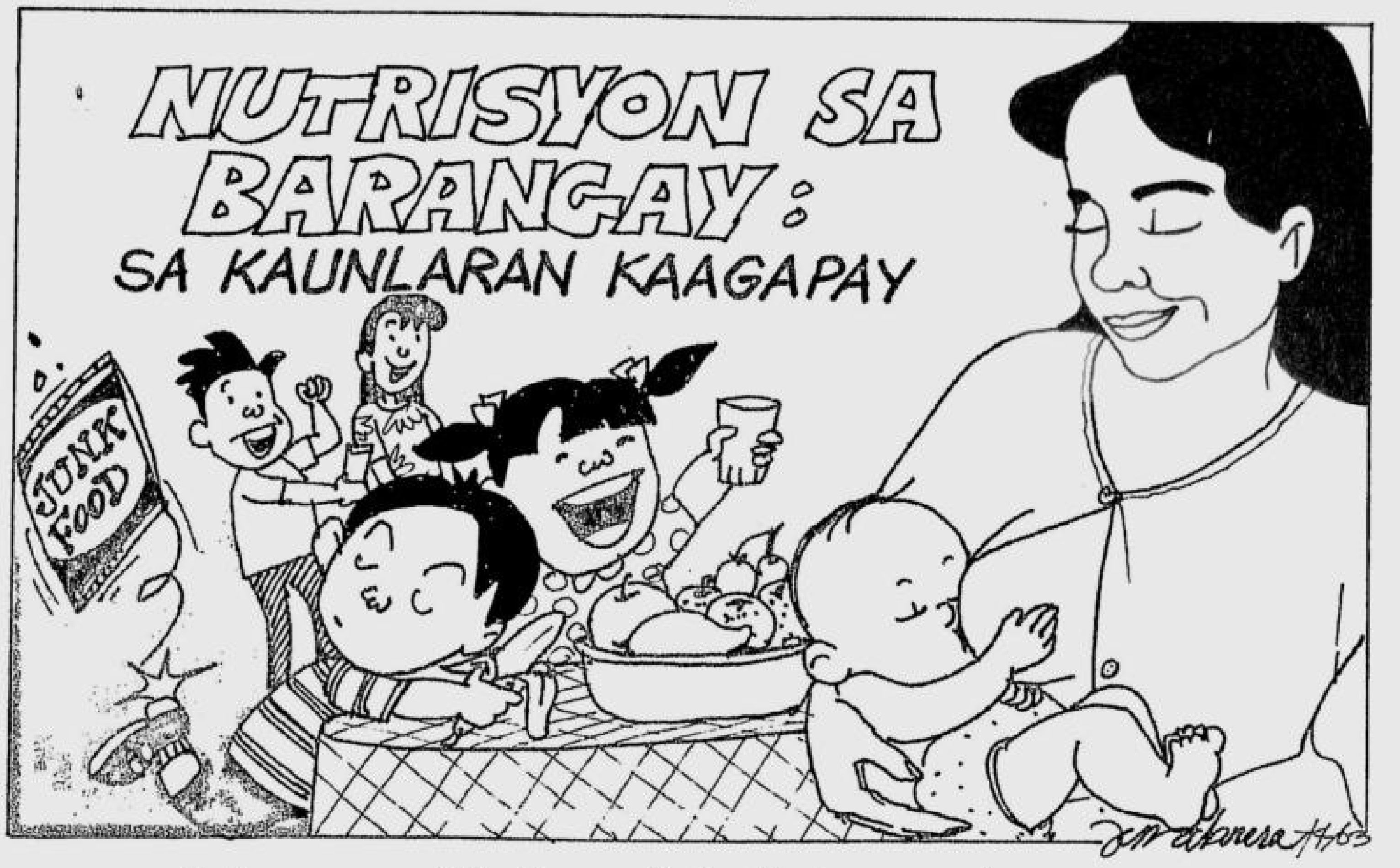
Has Carapali misread the peace agreement or has he liberally interpreted it to justify what are patently illegal and criminal acts? The Macapagal administration ought to review its peace pact with the RPA-ABB quickly. Surely there is nothing there that would justify vigilante justice—or is there? If there isn't, then the government ought to crack down just as hard on the (former?) rebel organization as the drug lords themselves.

PNP Deputy Director General Edgar Aglipay, head of the new Special Task Force on Illegal Drugs, has appealed to the groups behind the vigilante killings to stop. The kind of help the government is asking in connection with its campaign against illegal drugs, he said, is in conformity with the law. Vigilantism would only make matter worse, he added.

That sounded like a half-hearted warning arising from a cockeyed view of justice. What these vigilantes are doing are obviously a crime. So why are the police and other law-enforcement agencies not running after them? Could it be because these groups are doing what the authorities want to do themselves?

Vigilantism seems to ride high when the government launches an anti-crime campaign. And it is all because the authorities just look the other way, or probably give their tacit approval, as vigilantes go about their criminal ways. Law-enforcement authorities might think that vigilantes are doing them a favor. But it is likely that at least some of these vigilantes are doing themselves a favor by striking preemptively at their henchmen lest the latter turn them in later.

By doing nothing to stop vigilantism, the authorities are using crime to fight crime. The folly of this strategy is that we always end up with more crimes left unsolved as well as creating more criminals who will never land behind bars.



## More on National Artists controversy

**AS I SEE IT**

*Neal H. Cruz*

SEE what the National Artist awards have done: they have sundered friendships. The once closely knit colony of artists is now divided. There are now a pro-Virgilio Almario faction and a pro-Alejandro Roces faction and they are sniping at each other. Ironically, both Almario and Roces are National Artists for Literature.

The pro-Almario faction calls Roces a "*dagdag*-National Artist," after the "*dagdag-bawas*" tricks in elections. Roces was added in the list of winners by Malacañang. The pro-Roces faction says there is a conflict of interest in the choice of Almario as National Artist. Almario is a former executive director of the National Commission on Culture and the Arts (NCCA) whose members are among those who chose the winners. The Roces fans say that out of delicadeza, Almario should not have been chosen a winner, or should have declined the award—if he did not actually lobby for it.

The accusations hurt and, ironically, it is not the fault of both the winners. Both are accomplished artists. It is the fault of the NCCA for being so sloppy. Because of this sloppiness, most of the yearly awards, which are supposed to honor outstanding artists, have become controversial. Down the years, the Award has lost prestige and credibility and, sadly, the National Artists have become objects of derision instead of praise and honor.

National Artist for Literature F. Sionil Jose has come to the defense of Roces. Another National Artist for Literature, Nick Joaquin, had nominated Roces for the award.

Sionil Jose said Roces deserves the award because he is a patriot, having fought the Marcos dictatorship like him, and that patriotism should weigh heavier than art in choosing the winners. He also defended President Macapagal-Arroyo for inserting the name of Roces among the names of the winners, despite the fact that he had been eliminated by the board of judges in the first round of voting. The National Artist Award, he said, is a presidential award and the President can make even her hairdresser a National Artist if she so wishes. He also belittled the members of the board of judges who rejected Roces, in effect calling them a bunch of incompetent government bureaucrats.

I agree with Roces being a patriot and about the board of judges being incompetent. However, the National Artist awards is for the artists, not for patriots. That is why the winners are called "National Artists" not "National Patriots." Patriots are honored as heroes, and monuments erected for them; streets, cities, provinces and schools named after them, and their faces plastered on postage stamps and peso bills.

The Magsaysay Awards, to which Sionil Jose said the National Artist awards should be modeled, are for outstanding leaders, not artists. Our own National Artist awards are exclusively for artists. They are to honor their art primarily. Patriots have their places and artists have theirs.

What would happen if we make patriotism a principal criterion in the choice of National Artist? Especially if we give the President blanket authority to pick the National Artists of her choice. Then we would have a horde of politicians as National Artists, because all politicians claim they are "patriots." The awards will be distributed by the President like Cabinet positions and presidential adviser positions to favorites, friends, campaign contributors and politicians who helped him or her become President, and even to the spouses' classmates and cronies.

The honor to be called National Artist would be for sale to the highest bidders, no longer for the talented and accomplished artist as it was originally intended. It would be a mere prize in the spoils system.

And no, it is not a presidential award. It is given by a grateful nation to its artists.

Sionil Jose said it was originated by the Marcos regime and therefore it must be bad (it was really copied from the Russians). But following his proposal would make it much worse.

We might as well discontinue it, as the artist Malang has proposed.

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If the NCCA had not been incompetent to begin with, the prestige of the National Artist would not have sunk this low and go the way of the originally prestigious TOYM award. It is confused and confusing; it does not know what to do. It has no fixed rules; it keeps changing them every year. One year posthumous awards are not allowed, the next year they are. One year there are "attorneys" to extol the virtues of each nominee, the next year, they're banished.

The reason is that the NCCA seems to pick the winners first and them makes the rules to suit the qualifications of the winners. I've already cited cases (particularly that of historian Carlos Quirino, who was another "*dagdag*-National Artist" inserted by Malacañang) in an earlier column. But this one takes the cake:

Levi Celerio was named National Artist for Music. But Celerio did not write music; he was not a composer; he wrote words. He wrote lyrics for songs composed by others. This is like a poem set to music. So he was technically a poet. But he could not qualify as National Artist for Literature, and his sponsor wanted him to get an award because he was "old and dying." So they made him National Artist for Music. Again, not the fault of Celerio but of the NCCA.

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KAPIHAN NOTES: Topic for next Monday's Kapihan sa Manila are the alleged anomalies in the Light Rail Transit Authority (LRTA).

Confirmed guests are Roberto Gualberto, whistle-blower of the alleged anomalies, and Rep. Augusto Baculio who had delivered a speech in the House on the same anomalies. Also invited is LRTA administrator Teodoro Cruz and his assistants to air their sides.

## Stories

**THERE'S THE RUB**

*Conrado de Quiros*

I SYMPATHIZE entirely with Ruben Cruz Jr. who wrote with a tinge of bitterness last Tuesday about "Mga Munting Tinig" seemingly doing not very well in its current run. He watched the movie in Mega Mall and was dismayed to see that the movie house wasn't even half-full. A couple of days earlier, the same movie house overflowed to the rafters for the premiere showing of "Charlie Angels II." All seats—and presumably aisle space—were taken. The contrast could not have been more marked.

I find the news dismaying myself, though I was a little astounded to realize "Mga Munting Tinig" had only just opened. I thought it had been shown a long time ago. I was the first one to review that movie, which was, if I recall right, still the early part of last year. I saw it before it was digitalized. I thoroughly enjoyed it and told Gil Portes so. I had seen some of his other movies, but this one impressed me most.

It was no small irony. It was the quietest, least controversial, least attention-grabbing movie Portes has made—the title says it all, "Mga Munting Tinig"—and it spoke loudest. What made it particularly spectacular was that it had no big names in its cast. Alessandra de Rossi wasn't a star yet at the time, although it was obvious it was only a question of time before she became one. I had seen her in "Asucena" and liked her acting far more than the movie itself. She wasn't so great in Joel Lamangan's "Hubog," her character being reduced to hysterical sobbing—her sister, Assunta, was the real find in that movie. I completely agreed with the decision of the Metro Film Festival judges to give the best actress trophy that year. That wasn't favoritism.

But I digress. The beauty of "Mga Munting Tining" is that everything about it is scaled down but it ends up being larger than its size. The story is small. It tells of a girl who decides to teach in a public elementary school in an obscure village while waiting to be petitioned by his OFW mother. The village reels from poverty and insurgency and its folks have learned to look at life with apathy or cynicism. That includes the teachers themselves. By organizing her pupils into a chorus to compete in an interschool singing competition, De Rossi's character does more than give the kids an opportunity to dream, she gives the village an opportunity to hope.

The movie's money is small as well. They shot the movie pretty much on a tight budget, Portes told me, many of the people involved in it agreeing to small fees. It was a labor of love for the most part. The finished product shows, despite the rough edges. A lesson that has been taught many times across the world: The trick is not budget and special effects, it is the honesty and imagination.

I saw Gil Portes late last year, at the screening of Maryo de los Reyes' "Magnifico," another movie I liked and wrote about, and Gil was ecstatic over his movie's reception in New York. Yet another proof that small things can go very far. I was happy for him and for everyone involved in it. I was confident that with all that free, though much deserved, advertisement, "Mga Munting Tinig" would be a guaranteed moneymaker. Or one at least that didn't stand to impoverish its makers.

Alas, this country continues to spring surprises, some of them not very pleasant ones.

I can imagine a number of reasons for the movie's current plight. It's not easy running up against blockbusters like "Charlie's Angels." And though it is school opening, movies about teachers and teaching don't seem to fire up local interest, unless they're the teen musical comedy type. But while at this, Ron Howard's very excellent "The Paper" did not do so well in the United States either when it was shown many years ago, prompting one movie critic to say that if newspapers—or indeed reading in general—no longer fires up the American imagination, a movie about newspapers—and reading—cannot possibly hope to do so.

That brings me to my beef here, something I've said before in the past but which I can never sufficiently belabor. We do not lack for measures to help producers make good movies. I've suggested increasing the tax incentives for producers who do so. I've suggested as well, by way of improving the public taste, or expanding the range of local sensibility, bringing movies from other countries out of the "art houses" to the commercial theaters, even if they have to be subsidized by tax exemptions.

But in the end, none of this will matter if we do not patronize these movies. That is the most decisive element. We don't watch these movies, no amount of government initiative will do the trick. I've always been amazed at how easy it is to rouse the public over such issues as the prevalence of sex flicks but not to get it enthusiastic over the presence of good movies in its midst. The one is related to the other. Sex flicks thrive because good movies do not. And good movies do not because we do not watch them.

I am addressing this in particular to the middle class, to people who have gone to schools, who can afford the amenities of life, and who watch movies regularly. By all means let's protest the deterioration of the local movie industry into a meat market, but let's not forget to bestir ourselves to help the ones that do this country proud. And I don't mean those movies that teach good manners and right conduct, I mean those movies that provoke thought and feeling. Yes, "Live Show" among them. But that's another story. We don't do the second, we have no right to do the first. We don't provide good movies the audience it needs—never mind the trophies—we offer sex flicks the audience it lures.

But enough talk. Do something big, watch something small. Go troop to "Munting Tinig."

# Singapore continues public hygiene programs

**FEATURE**

*Jason Szep*

SINGAPORE—After dragging on a cigarette at Singapore's busy Bugis shopping district, Rafiz bin Sulaiman coughed and spat on the ground.

Seconds later, Singapore authorities swooped on the smartly dressed 20-year-old. Spitting has long been a fineable offence in the tightly controlled island state. But in the era of SARS, it is an even greater social evil.

Desperate to ward off the deadly respiratory virus, undercover police have nabbed more than 80 people for spitting since May when the government began a nationwide "Singapore's OK" campaign to improve public hygiene.

Sulaiman, who drives jeeps and other vehicles in the Singapore army, was fined S$500 ($290).

Others have been publicly shamed in addition to fines, their photographs splashed on the front page of the government-linked Straits Times national newspaper.

"What is done cannot be undone," Sulaiman sighed after pleading guilty and paying his fine at a downtown courthouse.

Enforced by undercover officers, the crackdown is part of a massive cleaning of one of Asia's most meticulously kept cities to prevent the sort of relapse of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome seen in Toronto in May.

The UN's World Health Organization took Singapore off its list of SARS-affected regions on May 31, ending a devastating three-month epidemic that killed 32 out of 206 sufferers in the island republic of four million people.

The WHO says SARS is fading globally but could prove impossible to destroy. The US Center for Disease Control and Prevention says the cold winter months of winter could revive the virus, much like past flu epidemics.

Singapore, its image sullied and economy strained near recession by the outbreak, is taking no chances. Recent weeks have seen a spate of hygiene campaigns and health controls that remind residents daily to stay fit and clean to fight the bug.

Health officials fear a scenario where one sick visitor brings the virus into the country, evading elaborate fever checks at air and sea borders and setting off an explosive outbreak.

"We can't assume that it's all going to be OK," said Tan Chorh Chuan, director of medical services at the Ministry of Health. "The virus may survive in colder, drier climates and therefore, in winter conditions there may be a surge of cases," Tan added.

"Whether that will happen nobody really knows. This will be the first winter." Under "Singapore's OK," thousands of workers at food stalls and construction sites wait in line twice a day for temperature readings, nearly two months after Singapore's last known local SARS infection.

In "Cool Singapore," a separate campaign run by the Tourism Board, staff at more than 100 hotels get their ears probed twice daily by digital thermometers. Healthy workers sport blue stickers, worn like badges, declaring themselves fever free.

Posters at bus stops and subway stations exhort citizens to wash their hands or avoid sharing food, while leaflets dropped in mailboxes trumpet the benefits of regular temperature checks.

Behavior-improvement campaigns are frequent in this autocratic city-state. Between 1958 and 1995, more than 200 such campaigns urged better ways of living—from being punctual, to eating more wheat, planting trees and speaking better English.

They don't always reach their mark. A survey in 1985 reported in the Straits Times newspaper found that four in 10 respondents could not name a single campaign without prompting.

Singapore's quest for cleanliness dates back to 1967, two years after independence from Malaysia, when the government drew up a plan to transform the island into a "clean" city, making tidiness a national priority second only to defense and economic progress.

But the latest blitz on hygiene in the aftermath of SARS is one of the broadest.

Toilets are now rated in a new five-star system similar to that used for hotels. Under the "Happy Toilet" program, plaques bearing star ratings began appearing outside Singapore's 29,000 public loos from this week.

"These are extraordinary measures in extraordinary times," said Lam Peng Er, a researcher at the East Asia Institute. "But the measures are taken with the backdrop of the SARS epidemic.

It's draconian, no doubt, but it is effective." In just over a month, police have booked 258 people for littering.

The measures echo Singapore's tough response when SARS first erupted. It was the first nation to shut all schools and announce a mass quarantine, isolating about 8,000 residents and installing Web-linked cameras in their homes to keep them there.

Most residents support the tough-love approach, and say they feel relieved their government tries to shield them from disease.

But one recent campaign, a mass culling of the city's 80,000 stray cats following evidence of SARS in animals such as civet cats and racoon dogs in China, provoked rare public outrage.

The government backed down a little. Instead of rounding up and killing all stray cats, authorities began auctioning land for animal shelters. But, as an added precaution, culling would continue, they said. *Reuters*

# Choice is the real guarantee of health

**AT LARGE**

*Rina Jimenez-David*

NOBODY denies that there are health risks and side-effects associated with contraceptive use—as there would be with any medication.

As I said during the debate on the reproductive health care bill sponsored by Liberal Philippines, even a very common drug like aspirin presents risks to the user. If you have bleeding stomach ulcers, for instance, and you take aspirin, you risk bleeding to death. Which is why it's important that before you take any medication, even over-the-counter drugs, you take time to read the product inserts or ask your doctor about possible side-effects. Particularly if you're on regular medication, you should take care to inquire from your doctor how any new medicine could possibly interact with the drugs you're already taking.

Which is why one of the major advocacies of women's groups in the past decades has been the need to provide women and couples all the information and counseling they need to make "informed choices" not just about the method of family planning they are to adopt, but about all other health decisions they make for themselves and their families. Where before health personnel, especially doctors, felt comfortable imposing particular methods on clients, today the SOP is for the health provider to interview the client about his/her needs, desires, preferences and health history, present to the client the full range of safe and effective family planning methods, then discuss how each method works and the possible side-effects and complications of each. Then, it is up to the client to choose which method he/she feels suits him/her best at that given time.

The fact is that not all family planning methods will work for a woman or a couple across what's known as one's "reproductive career." The oral contraceptive pill, for instance, may suit a young woman, but may no longer be the method of choice when she gets older, since she may be more vulnerable to heart disease and hypertension. In which case, she may be better off using another method such as an IUD or, if she no longer wants children, a permanent method such as a tubal ligation for her or vasectomy for her husband.

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**RESEARCH is still ongoing on the possible links between certain contraceptive methods and cancers of the reproductive system. Currently, the pill has been found effective in preventing the development of benign breast tumors, but the scientific and medical community is still researching the links between the pill and breast cancer. At the moment, there is yet no evidence of a definitive link, and whatever studies have been conducted show no cause for alarm.**

**It seems to me that women are better served by being provided with all the information they need to make free, informed and reasonable decisions, especially about their reproductive lives, rather than being spooked by false alarms and doomsday scenarios.**

**Women's health and lives would also be better protected if they had access to the full range of save and effective methods of contraception, rather than have their choices constricted by official policy, religious intolerance and especially provider bias. Incredibly, health providers still feel free to impose their personal morality and beliefs on their patients and clients. Women have told me of obstetrician-gynecologists who refuse to prescribe the IUD or the pill, or who will require the permission of the husband before performing a tubal ligation. This is tantamount to telling your patients or clients that you are morally superior to them, and that therefore you have the right to override their decisions and choices.**

**And that's what the Macapagal administration is doing by declaring that its family planning policy is "responsible parenthood through natural family planning." What of couples for whom the so-called natural family planning method is not effective? What of women who need to use more reliable methods to prevent a high-risk pregnancy?**

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PEOPLE have also raised the bogey of the "international contraceptive lobby," dropping nasty bits of innuendo about people, such as myself, who publicly advocate for reproductive rights. An article I referred to in yesterday's column even remarked, with assumed authority, that "lobby money" was already moving in Congress for the passage of the reproductive health care act.

I normally shrug off such innuendo, since I know how I earn my money (through my salary from the INQUIRER), and I know my mind and heart. Nobody needs to pay me to support and work for the reproductive rights of women, men and youth.

But I must point out that drug companies really have no reason to bribe journalists, NGO's or officials to promote family planning. Sales from contraceptives currently account for a mere 3 percent of the total drug sales in the country. It's too small a market to bother with, I think.

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**IF YOU'RE a member of the UST High School Class '63, you might want to get in touch with your classmates (see list below) because a big event is being planned.**

**There will be a Grand Reunion on Nov. 9-10 of USTHS Class '63, and organizers are keen to meet up with their batch mates from 40 years ago. One of the organizers says that quite a number of classmates is coming from abroad to attend the reunion "and it would be nice for a big group to welcome them here." Preliminary activities will include a dinner/dance on Nov. 9, with day activities to include a trip to Corregidor, golf and tennis tournaments, etc.**

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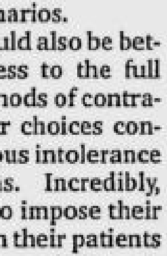
# Filipino and Japanese links

**LOOKING BACK**



*Ambeth R. Ocampo*

WHEN it started raining in Kyoto some weeks ago, I overheard someone explaining it away using the familiar terms: wind currents, volume of rain, tropical depression, etc. Listening to this reminded me of the unreliable weather forecasts in our TV news. Having armed myself with a jacket and umbrella, I was disappointed that the Japanese rainy season was mild compared to ours. No flash floods and power failure here. The pattern is the opposite of what we have. In the Philippines we have the heat of summer from April to June followed by rains from July to August. What follows is pleasant weather during the so-called "ber" months till early February.

In Kyoto, the rains provide a brief respite between spring and to hot and humid summer in July and August. All the talk of storms and the rainy reason here made me realize that aside from entertainers, another major Philippine export to Japan are typhoons. Recent ones with Filipina names that hit Manila proceeded to Japan where they lose steam and are given Japanese names.

There is much that links Japan and the Philippines and it is unfortunate that most Filipinos see our relationship with Japan only as far as the latest economic aid packages or the Japanese occupation. It is fascinating to discover that our linked history goes way before the 20th century.

While strolling in Hibiya Park, Tokyo in the spring of 1888, Jose Rizal listened to an orchestra playing Viennese waltzes. He was pleasantly surprised to learn that some of the musicians were Filipino. The first Filipino saint, Lorenzo Ruiz, was martyred in Nagasaki in 1637. The so-called "Christian Daimyo" Takayama Ukon was deported to the Philippines in 1614. Japanese traders came to the Philippines in the late 16th and early '17th centuries to buy what could have been Philippine earthenware vessels. Perhaps our relations with Japan go back further than written or recorded history. All these, however, remain unknown except to scholars and academics studying the topic.

My introduction to Japanese culture was a summer course I took over 20 years ago in the Ateneo under Edilberto Alegre. I was not enrolled in the class, yet Dr. Alegre got me so interested in Japanese literature that I started to read the familiar names: Mishima, Kawabata, Akutagawa and Tanizaki. Maybe it was the professor or just adolescent hormones at work but I was drawn to the sex and violence in Japanese literature. Reading these in English translation, I often wondered how much I was missing. The first novel I read was Tanizaki's "Diary of a Mad Old Man," chosen simply because it was shorter than Lady Murasaki's kilometric "Tale of Genji."

The story revolves around an old man named Utsugi recuperating from a stroke. Practically useless, and one could say, figuratively, that he was in the "pre-departure lounge," yet his sexual urges got stronger as he neared death. The object of his affection was his (sexually?) neglected daughter-in-law Satsuko who teases him in a way that distilled everything into the border between pleasure and pain. I do not remember much of the story now except for Satsuko's love for boxing matches and the description of a Filipino boxer:

"Espinosa is a Filipino boxer who once fought a world flyweight title match. He's a Negro, too though not as handsome [as Bruno Mello]...Espinosa is still fighting but he isn't good anymore. He used to be marvelous!

"Espinosa is a Negro from the Island of Cebu, with a honey of a left jab. He shoots his left straight out, and snaps it back the instant it lands. Swish, swish—you can't imagine how fast he snaps back that arm! It's beautiful, swishing in and out! And he keeps giving sharp little whistles when he's on the attack. Most boxers weave right or left if the other man throws a jab, but Espinosa bends back from the waist. He's amazingly supple!

"And you're fond of Haruhisa because he's so dark, is that it?

"Haruhisa got a hairy chest, though, and Negroes don't have much hair on their bodies. When they sweat all over, their skin gets slippery and shiny—really fascinating! Father, I'm definitely going to drag you off to a match some day.

"I don't imagine there are many handsome boxers.

"A lot of them have flattened noses. Which is better, boxing or wrestling?

"Wrestling is more of a show—they get all bloodied up, but they don't really mean business.

"They draw blood even in boxing don't they?

"Of course they do! Sometimes a smashed mouthpiece comes flying out, and there's blood all over. But it isn't done on purpose, the way it is in wrestling; you don't often see blood except when a man knocks his head into the others face—what they call heading. Or else when an eyelid gets cut."

Satsuko continues to shock her listeners by stating, "You get excited when you see blood. That's part of the fun!" Everyone is horrified that a woman could stand the gore of boxing but not her father-in-law who wrote in his diary, "I had begun to feel an excruciating pain in my left hand and yet I also felt an acute sense of pleasure. As I looked into Satsuko's malicious face, the pain-and the pleasure became more and more intense."

One wonders whether there was a real boxer in pre-war Japan who made women swoon or is this just fiction? We are known and remembered in Japan for our exports—people, typhoons, dried mangoes—all links to a long history.

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# The street where I live

**HIGH BLOOD**

*Violeta P. Hughes*

*WE'D also like to know the concerns of the sixtysomething and above, what makes their blood pressure rise or makes them sit back, content that all's well with their world and with themselves.* —**Ed.**

I LOVE where I live. I can't tell you where it is, only how our lives unroll there. Located about 50 kilometers from Manila, it is like a hidden jewel, almost choked by towering trees. The blue of the sky and the green of thick grass define the living space that we share with flowers and fruit trees, and the occasional garden snake or *bayawak* from the river on the edge of the property. Not many people know about this gem of a place, so the few residents who live here flop around, enjoying such ample elbow room that we do not even have to see or talk to anyone unless we deliberately go out of our way for company. Yet, our houses are not enclosed in forbidding 6-foot high walls. Instead, they are fully visible from the street, squat on their spacious lawns, as if with open arms to welcome anyone who wants to drop by. When I hear that it is close to 40 degrees in Manila, I thank the Lord for the cool breeze and the faithful rain that never fail to drive down the temperature.

This is my playground, where I do what I please, walk where I want, not worried about potholes and other annoyances. When I take my walk in the morning, I am concerned only about how much melanin my skin would absorb. It's an inexpensive concert hall, where I listen to birds and insects and frog sounds and mother-child exchanges. This is my study, a place where I cherish the monastic silence that allows me to find the words to express my thoughts. It's where I worry about a son on the other side of an ocean and from whom I daily wait to get word. It's also a classroom where I learn local history and political science from natives and long-time residents. They have recited to me the few important family names I should know, names I have seen repeated over and over on the signboards identifying stores, gas stations, banks, health clinics and schools in town. Many of the same names belong to those who move in the local corridors of power, from the barangay and municipal halls to the civic organizations and even the parish church.

Sometimes, it's a theater where I hear soft words, gossip, music, loud laughter and harsh rebukes that tell stories equal to the funniest comedies and the saddest tragedies on any of the world's biggest stages. The tales run the gamut of wives who yo-yo between lover and husband; jealous husbands who beat up wives; couples who barely talk to each other; teenagers asserting their newfound independence; sons who smoke and drink and refuse to go to school; employees who gamble, womanize, steal and loaf on their jobs; and maids who tartly talk back to their employers. Yet, there are also fathers and mothers who are working hard to earn enough for their children's education, hoping that their children's lives would be better than theirs, and that the children would become titled professionals earning higher salaries and the respect of the villagers.

For the first time, I am also finding out the names of the treasures from the sea that we enjoy eating. Thanks to the patience of my *suki* who has introduced me to the rich variety of Philippine fish, I have learned what *tanigue* looks like, as well as *albacora*, *maya-maya*, tuna, *talakitok*, *samaral*, and *pampano*. I have become reacquainted with *tilapia* and the *galunggong* that was a staple in my childhood. I am beginning to understand what chefs mean when they say that the fish is fresh. Every night at dinner, my husband and I would marvel at the variety of the fish that we eat and their freshness. My *suki* has shown me where to pinch a crab to see whether it's worth its weight in pesos and how to dig into the tub of water for the newer pieces of tofu. Another *suki* has whispered that I should always opt for the *talakitok* fillets with the white, rather than the dark skin. From one shrimp vendor, I got inside information about how much shrimp costs at the beach when vendors haggle with fishermen at the pre-dawn *bulungan*, when fishermen are just unloading their catch. She knows making *tawad* is not my forte.

Here I am relearning my culture, after having lived in another for the past 30 years where frank communication is necessary to survive. Here, where *pakikisama* and *utang na loob* dominate social relations, I am learning to shed the luxury of individuality, independence and privacy. It still surprises me when I hear someone tell me what I had said the day before. It had gone the rounds and returned! Often I will realize too late that I had bared my hand in some casual conversation and had become vulnerable to all sorts of offers, with no defenses to call on for protection. I am still trying to live down the Filipino's barnacle-like stereotype of the *balikbayan* as someone who has plenty of cash. Because of this I am prey to all kinds of pleas for loans or requests for a "*bale*" at all hours of the day and any day of the week. The workers in the neighborhood think that I always have cash on hand and that I could always dispense any amount when they ask. There is also the tendency to think of you as the ideal *ninang* at a wedding or a christening, or the *mucho* sponsor for the village basketball team. So far, I have gracefully been able to excuse myself but I do not know how long I can hold out. One skill I have not yet mastered is how to guess how much to pay for a service I have requested. The "*kayo na po ang bahala*" still stumps me and frustrates me no end, as I try to compute the amount that I consider to be fair. Inevitably, I would find out I either paid too much or not enough because I was using rates based on services as performed and paid for in the United States.

Life on my street reminds me of what the anthropologist Robert Redfield observed among the villagers in a Mexican village that he studied in the 1950s. He showed that contrary to our perception that village life is all peace and love, in fact a village is rife with jealousy. Stories I hear confirm the same phenomenon here. A manicurist who was doing my nails and I were discussing the death of a rice merchant who was shot by one of the store workers. I was expressing my regrets over the incident and was sympathizing with the merchant's family. I thought the manicurist would agree with my sentiments. Instead, I was surprised when she said, "Don't be misled. I heard that the merchant was not a kind person. Some people said they saw it coming."

Still, I would not exchange my street for any other, not even for a suite at Laguna Estates. I missed life in the *probinsiya* when I left 30 years ago. Now, I can pick up where I left off.

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# Dismayed at respondent's choice

I WAS dismayed when I read your headlines last June 28, 2003, regarding the results of the most recent SWS survey showing Sen. Noli de Castro as the leading presidential preference for the elections in 2004. I have nothing against the senator and I even voted for him in the last election. However, it only showed that we as a nation have not yet reached the maturity needed in choosing our leaders. That in spite of the Estrada presidency and the experience of Edsa II, many still based their preference on popularity rather than the candidate's platform of governance.

The survey also showed how apathetic and carefree we are as a nation. It also showed the limited prospective that we have of the social issues that we face. Only a few realize that the coming elections of 2004 could be one of the most important elections for us as a nation. With globalization now firmly in place, the fast pace of technology and the war on terrorism, we must be able to choose a leader who has a correct prospective of the new world order that is emerging. It must be correct for the entire Filipino nation.

**—GENER LUIS MORADA, genermorada@yahoo.com**

# Delay in Senate deliberation of Lacson report

REGARDING Ms. Belinda Olivares-Cunanan's column of June 26, 2003 ("Let's have that report"), allow me to clarify that it was Sen. Robert Barbers himself, acting as chair of the Senate committee that investigated the allegations against Sen. Panfilo Lacson, who moved to defer the debate on his committee's report concerning Senator Lacson.

There being no official committee report yet on Senator Lacson, Senate Majority Leader Loren Legarda could not calendar any floor deliberation on the matter. To put it simply, no discussions could be made on a report that had not yet been submitted for deliberation.

Senate records would show that the report was indeed withdrawn by Senator Barbers pending his explanation why the report lacked the signatures of the minority senators when it was first filed.

Thus, to say that Senator Legarda caused this much-anticipated floor deliberation to be deferred is unfair, to say the least. As majority leader, Senator Legarda has done her very best to calendar the activities of the Senate without fear or favor, resulting in the passage by the 12th Congress of numerous landmark legislations, including the Anti-Smoking Law.

**—DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN, chief of staff, 6/F Senate of the Philippines, GSIS Bldg, Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City**

# The idea of a transition president

THE EDITORIAL last June 29, 2003, entitled "Fool," accused Sec. Norberto Gonzales, President Macapagal-Arroyo's adviser for special concerns, of insulting the intelligence of the Filipino people and for making his living out of it when he floated the idea of making President Macapagal the "transition president" who will see to the full shift from the present presidential to a parliamentary form of government by 2007.

I am of the opinion that we should instead congratulate Gonzales for his courage in coming out with such a concrete and time-bounded proposal even at the risk of being booted out of his position.

The present presidential form of government that we have is not only gridlock-prone but also graft-ridden. It is high time that we replaced it with a more efficient and more accountable system which I believe we can only realize under the parliamentary form of government.

The proposal may just be the prescription for our country's ills, both structural and social.

I am tired of hearing politicians grandstand and bicker over practically all issues and problems of the nation, but do nothing else besides.

I am also dismayed how some of our armchair journalists and academicians criticize any well-intended proposal designed to address the problems of our country without offering any viable alternatives or solutions.

The problems of our country today are admittedly numerous and complicated. A shift to a parliamentary form of government may not be the end-all and be-all answer to them. But it could be the first step of a long journey toward genuine social transformation and development.

**—DANILO C. ISIDERIO, deputy secretary general, Congress of Labor Organizations (CLO), Unit D, 4/F, EU State Tower, 30 Quezon Avenue, Quezon City**

# Pronounced anti-Muslim bias?

I WONDER how the INQUIRER can tolerate someone like Ramon Tulfo whose anti-Muslim bias is beyond comprehension. Whenever he writes about Muslims or Moros, he betrays his deep-seated prejudice against, and ignorance of, Islam and its followers.

I am a Muslim but I would rather eat pork than swallow Tulfo's venomous words which is filled with hatred and only nurture the seeds of conflict in Mindanao.

The words and deeds of the Abu Sayyaf should never be associated with those of the Muslim majority's. Perhaps, Tulfo should, if at all he is capable of objective learning even at the pig's level, know more about Mindanao, Islam and Abu Sayyaf. He might learn that people of his kind are partly responsible for the continuing malaise in Mindanao, including such phenomenons as the Abu Sayyaf.

Tulfo, through his words, is much, much worse that any Muslim individual or group can ever be!

**—SUKARNO D. TANGGOL, professor, MSU, Marawi City, Former Ambassador to Kuwait**

# The new anti-drug campaign

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"PRESIDENT takes charge of drive against drugs." By the way, what happened to the drive against illegal gambling? Kidnapping? The budget deficit? Has the peso regained its pre-People Power II strength? What happened to all the State of the Nation promises of President Macapagal-Arroyo?—**conway**

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Madam President, thanks for taking charge in the fight against drugs. This is the most lucrative illegal business one can be involved in and money is falling just like rain...so, in this case, please choose only those law enforcement officers with impeccable service records, those who cannot be bought, those that will really feed their families through their hard-earned salaries, those idealistic enough to believe that they are fighting a blight, a disease, a scourge of society...Otherwise, the fight will be useless and it will go nowhere, just like promises by the government that are made to be broken.—**remde**

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No thanks, Remde, it's one thing to say the President's taking charge, and it's another bloody thing to really do it. For one, your criteria for choosing those who would take on the problem is as utopian as can be.—**kibachi26**

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Drugs and politics in the Philippines can't be separated or treated as different entities: The protectors of drug lords are in Congress and other branches of the government. Without the protection of these corrupt politicians, the drug problem in the Philippines will not flourish. Although the call of Rep. Gilbert Remulla to separate drugs and politics sounds good, he forgot to mention that the protectors are within the government...How can we separate drugs and politics when these two are marching together down the aisle like lovers? Remulla is one of those politicians still refusing to admit it's corrupt politicians that have brought the problem to the Philippines.—**leslie**

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Vigilantism is the fastest and easiest way to solve it. Won't even cost much. Drug pushers and their coddlers in Metro Manila are very powerful people. Some coddlers are government officials, law enforcers or military men...It's very easy for them to gather information about how their illegal activities are being tracked.

With vigilantes, before they know it, it's a closed case.—**jesse**

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Nothing's wrong with vigilantism. If cops can't take the garbage out, the people have to do it. We do it here; we call it "drive-by shooting"!—**Kevin Flemming**

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Here again is the typical problem of turf in solving problems about illegal drugs.

Mr. Lina [Interior Secretary Jose Lina] is grumbling about who should be the real (drug) czar...does it matter who is the czar or not as long as the problems are solved or reduced? Stop creating senseless problems about who is who. To Lina, as Dangerous Drugs Board chair and interior secretary, from the time you were appointed, have you eradicated the illegal drug problems or lessened it to a very significant degree? In fact, statistics show drugs have proliferated more.

The same goes for Anselmo Avenido, head of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency. The PDEA is not showing high colors in solving the problem of illegal drugs. But still you're there and have not been replaced. Just work hand in hand with the reinforcements. They know what they are asked to do. These people are veteran crime busters.

I don't see anything wrong about Mayor Alfredo Lim's idea of painting. It is illegal as the courts have declared but if that can stop illegal drug use from escalating further, why not? Filipinos respond to shame positively. I can even vote for vigilantism if this is required.—**bajhista**

# Two brave wishes

IF like "Bruce Almighty" I could be God for a week, I would require the rich and powerful nations to share their excess wealth with the poor countries of the Third World. There are more than enough resources to meet everybody's needs, but never enough to satisfy anybody's greed.

As a start, I would tell the International Monetary Fund and World Bank to condone the debts of the Third World, including the Philippines. Did you know that the total foreign debt of the Philippines (as of September 2002) stands at over US$50 billion? And because of the automatic appropriations law, the bulk of the country's annual expenditures is automatically set aside to service our external debts.

Teaching the rich and powerful nations of the world especially the United States, to share their wealth with the poor countries of the Third World, is the best means of eradicating poverty.

I would also bring Ninoy Aquino back from the grave and make him president of the Philippines. I do believe that Ninoy could have been the country's best president if only he had not been assassinated.

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# Bush to Taylor: Get out

**WASHINGTON—President George W. Bush demanded Wednesday that Liberian President Charles Taylor leave the war-ravaged West African nation, as he neared a decision on sending US peacekeeping troops there.**

"We're exploring all options as to how to keep the situation peaceful and stable. One thing has to happen: Mr. Taylor needs to leave the country," he told reporters at the White House.

Bush, who leaves Monday on a whirlwind tour of Africa, was expected to decide as early as Thursday whether to send US troops to Liberia to lead or take part in an international peacekeeping operation, US officials said.

The officials, speaking to AFP on condition of anonymity, said Bush would make his decision before leaving Washington on Friday for the long US Independence Day holiday weekend, after which he departs for Africa.

"Everyone has weighed in," one official said, referring to Secretary of State Colin Powell, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and national security advisor Condoleezza Rice. "Now it's up to the president."

Liberia was set up by freed black slaves in the 19th century and the United States has sent troops there during previous troubles in 1992 and 1996.

Powell later told the "Sean Hannity" radio talk show that he had spoken with UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, who has urged Washington to lead a peacekeeping effort in Liberia, for the second time in two days.

"The president is examining his options. But it's premature to say that he has made a decision and that an announcement is forthcoming in the next day or so," Powell also told the syndicated program.

Earlier, Bush expressed concern over the suffering in Liberia, adding: "The political instability is such that people are panicking."

"But the good news is there's a ceasefire in place now. And one of the things that Colin is going to do is to work closely with the United Nations to see how best to keep the ceasefire in place." *AFP*

## US blames Iraq blast on bomb class

BAGHDAD—The US military said a bomb-making class inside a mosque triggered the deadly explosion that enraged the Iraqi town of Falluja, where residents vowed on Wednesday to wage holy war against US occupiers.

President George W. Bush said the US military forces that overthrew Saddam Hussein had all the power needed to deal with attacks by Iraqis opposed to their presence in the country, which have escalated in recent weeks.

The US military, which has about 146,000 soldiers in Iraq, said it carried out five more raids in an operation to stamp out the violence, detaining three people and confiscating assault rifles and grenades.

US Central Command said a blast at a mosque in Falluja, west of Baghdad, on Monday night was caused by people being taught how to make bombs.

It said a joint investigation conducted with Falluja police determined coalition forces were in no way responsible for the blast. Residents had blamed it on a US air strike, an accusation military officials flatly denied.

Iraqis in the town said nine people were killed, including the mosque's imam, or prayer leader.

Two American soldiers died on Wednesday, one from injuries sustained during an attack on Tuesday, the other in an accident.

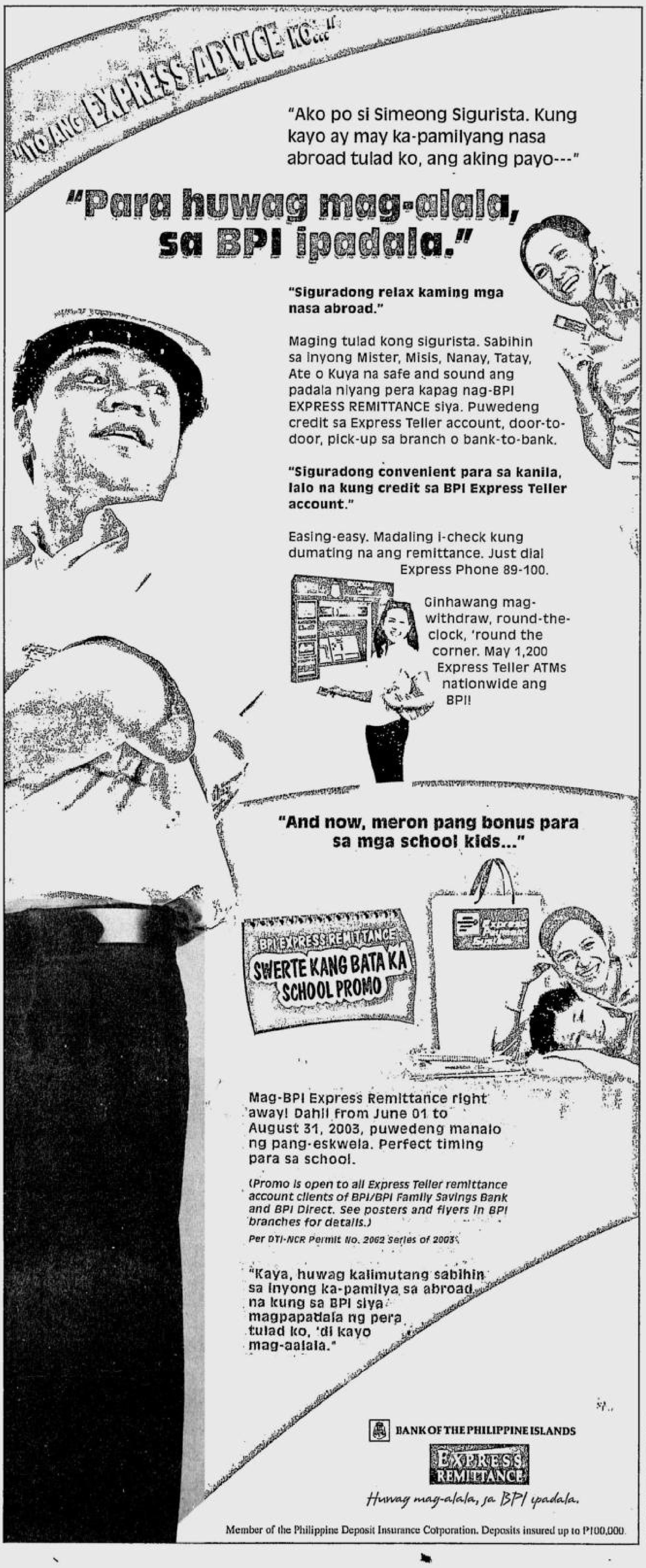
Military officials said one US marine was killed and three were injured during mine-clearing operations in Kerbala, south of Baghdad. An Iraqi technician was also hurt.

At least 23 American servicemen have been killed by hostile fire since Bush declared major combat operations over on May 1.

US officials have blamed the spate of attacks on members of Iraq's former army and intelligence services loyal to Saddam.

But Bush said in Washington that US forces were tough enough to deal with the attacks.

"There are some who feel that conditions are such that they can attack us there," he told reporters at the White House. "My answer is bring them on. We have the force necessary to deal with the situation." *Reuters*



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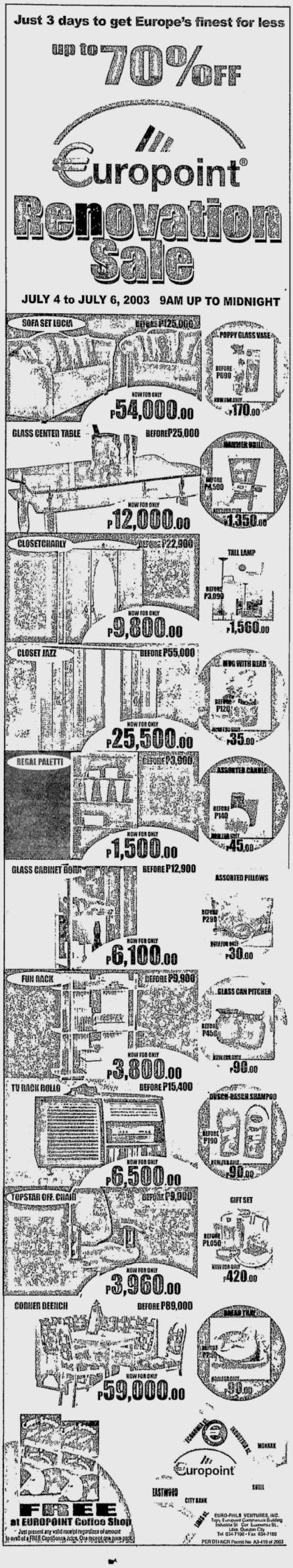
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# Peace moves fail to quell Mideast violence

JERUSALEM—The death of a Palestinian militant in the West Bank overnight and the wounding of three Jewish settlers in the Gaza Strip hours earlier, highlight the volatile situation in the search for peace, despite significant moves by both sides along the international "roadmap."

The violence came hours after Palestinian security forces returned to the streets of the Bethlehem Wednesday after Israel handed over responsibility for control of the West Bank town in the latest peace move.

Israel also released eight Palestinian prisoners who were arrested recently in the Hebron region and held without trial in the West Bank, Israeli public radio said.

The moves gave yet further impetus to the US-backed peace roadmap following a meeting late Tuesday between Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and his Palestinian counterpart, Mahmud Abbas, which saw both sides voice optimism for the future.

However a poll published Wednesday revealed that almost two-thirds of Israelis believe the truce will fall apart within a month. Those fears were swiftly underlined by the fresh violence.

A local head of the hardline Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, linked to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement, was killed in an exchange of fire with Israeli troops overnight in the town of Qalqiliya, in the northern West Bank, a Palestinian security source said early Thursday.

Mohammed Shawa, 31, was killed while the soldiers were attempting to arrest him.

One of his supporters was injured and arrested in the Israeli raid which was backed by armored cars.

According to a military source, Shawa had been hit after be opened fire on the troops and attempted to flee.

Earlier three Jewish settlers were wounded when four anti-tank shells were fired in the Gaza Strip, an Israeli army spokesperson said. *AFP*

# Pol Pot's first wife cremated amid rituals K. Rouge once hated

PAILIN, Cambodia—The once-powerful wife of Khmer Rouge leader Pol Pot was cremated Thursday amid chanting Buddhist monks and religious rituals that the ultra-communist revolutionaries had tried to eradicate during their reign of terror.

Khieu Ponnary, the first wife of Pol Pot, died Tuesday at age 83 in the former Khmer Rouge stronghold of Pailin in northwestern Cambodia.

She struggled with mental illness for more than two decades, and more recently suffered from cancer.

The cremation, attended by more than 500 monks, mourners and schoolchildren, took place at a Buddhist temple where her coffin was carried in a procession led by police.

Among those who attended were her brother-in-law, Ieng Sary, who served as the Khmer Rouge's foreign minister during the radical communist group's 1975-79 rule.

Ieng Sary, who is in his 70s, is accused of many crimes against humanity but lives freely under a government amnesty, as do other former Khmer Rouge leaders.

Also in attendance were Khieu Samphan, once nominal head of the group, and Pol Pot's former deputy, Nuon Chea.

Ieng Thirith, Khieu Ponnary's younger sister, read a farewell message before her sister's coffin was lowered onto a platform for the cremation, crediting her sister with performing "good deeds and sacrifices... for her beloved people and nation."

Khieu Samphan said he had not seen Khieu Ponnary for more than 20 years.

"I heard she had passed away, and I am here just to pay my final respects to her. I know she had been through a lot of suffering and this is quite normal for a person of this age," he said.

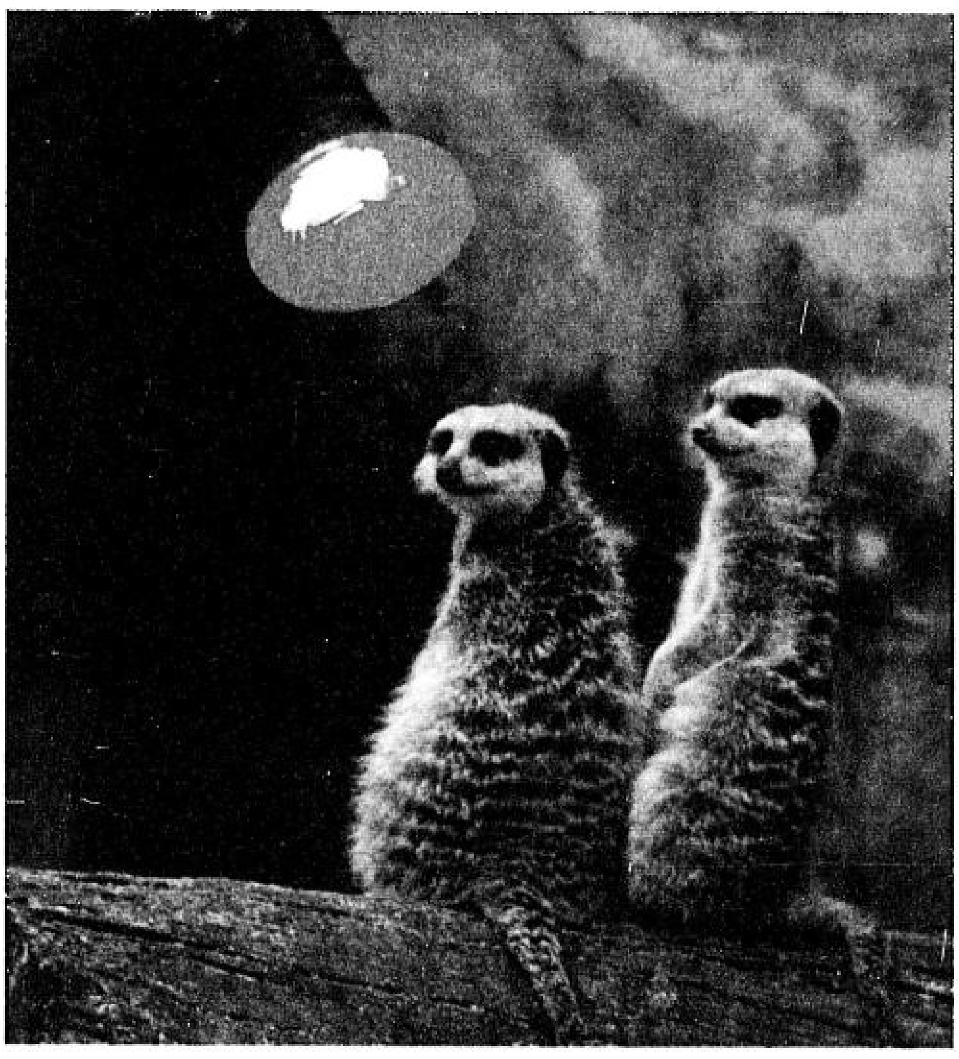
Like many top Khmer Rouge leaders, Khieu Ponnary studied in France in the early 1950s. She married Pol Pot in 1956 and wielded considerable power as a member of the Khmer Rouge's inner clique.

According to most accounts, she was already showing signs of mental illness when Cambodia's civil war began in 1970. She was taken to China for psychiatric treatment but her condition reportedly failed to improve.

Pol Pot, who died in 1998 as a prisoner of his Khmer Rouge comrades, separated from Khieu Ponnary in the 1980s and took a second, younger wife, with whom he had a daughter.

Youk Chhang, director of a local research organization, the Cambodian Documentation Center, said Khieu Ponnary would have been a potential defendant for a genocide tribunal if she had not been mentally ill.

About 1.7 million Cambodians died of disease, hunger and executions under Khmer Rouge rule. *AP*



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**Meerkats, perched on a log, warm themselves under the glow of a heat lamp in their enclosure at Taronga Zoo in Sydney July 3. Weather officials say Sydney experienced its coldest maximum temperature in seven years, reaching 12 degrees Celcius (54 degrees Fahrenheit), prompting zoo keepers to activate the lamps to help warm the meerkats native to Angola, Namibia, South Africa and Southern Botswana.** REUTERS

# Drugs not answer for baby breathing problems, say Aussie doctors

SYDNEY—Babies suffering from the respiratory condition bronchiolitis are best treated without the drugs that have been relied on for the past 10 years by millions worldwide, Australian doctors said Thursday.

Releasing ground-breaking research, the doctors said around 12,000 babies were admitted to Australian hospitals and 120,000 babies were admitted in the United States every year with the condition caused by a virus that makes babies wheeze and cough.

Conventional treatment has involved adrenaline but researchers at four hospitals in northeastern Queensland state said the adrenaline drugs may be useless and could even prolong the condition.

Research leader Claire Wainwright, a pediatric specialist at Royal Children's Hospital in Brisbane, said drug-free nursing care was a more effective option.

"In individual cases, individual babies might need particular drugs but across the board, I would advise the best care is actually good nursing care with supplemental oxygen and fluids as needed," Wainwright said on national radio.

Her findings were published Thursday in the New England Journal of Medicine.

"This has the potential to impact on the future treatment on millions of children around the world," said Queensland Health Minister Wendy Edmond.

The Australian study involved 194 infants under 12 months of age who were admitted to four different hospitals. *AFP*

# WHO: Toronto SARS-free

TORONTO—The World Health Organization Wednesday declared Toronto free of the spread of SARS after the city reported no new cases for 20 days.

Canadian health officials meanwhile vowed to maintain a vigilant SARS watch after being burned by a recurrence once before.

The Geneva-based UN health agency said the last probable case of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome had been detected in Toronto on June 12 and was immediately isolated.

Two incubation periods—20 days—without a new case of SARS have now passed, meaning the chain of human-to-human transmission is considered broken, WHO said in a statement posted on its website.

"This is a great achievement for public health in what we hope is the final phase of the global emergency," said David Heymann, WHO executive director for communicable diseases.

"Toronto faced an especially challenging outbreak. As we have learned, SARS is a difficult disease that produces many surprises and setbacks," he added. *AFP*

# Nato hopefuls shrug off US cuts in military aid

SOFIA—From the Baltic to the Balkans, Nato candidates on Wednesday shrugged off Washington's cuts in military aid imposed for refusing to sign a deal exempting Americans from possible prosecution at an international court.

Washington announced on Tuesday it was severing military aid to 35 countries, including six EU candidate nations seeking Nato membership, because they had backed the International Criminal Court established last year at The Hague, Netherlands.

Bulgaria, once the Soviet Union's staunchest ally but now on course to join Nato in May 2004, said it took no offense from the US reprimand and could live without the $10 million aid.

"We are not concerned about their decision," Bulgarian Foreign Minister Solomon Passy said, adding the US decision would not even affect Sofia's offer to host a permanent US military base on Bulgaria's strategic Black Sea coast.

Washington is afraid of politically motivated prosecutions of US military personnel and civilians.

The cuts affect $47 million in US foreign military financing and $613,000 in international military and educational training in this fiscal year, which expires on Sept. 30.

Among the Nato aspirant states, only Romania has signed the US immunity agreement. Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Slovakia and Slovenia were all penalised alongside Bulgaria.

The EU, which all six hope to join, is a strong supporter of the court and has urged third countries to resist pressure from Washington to sign bilateral agreements.

"The European Union regrets this initiative and obviously we reserve the right to examine it in more depth with a view to further contacts with Washington," EU president Italy's Foreign Minister Franco Frattini told the European Parliament.

Slovak Foreign Minister Eduard Kukan said his country, its foot firmly in the EU door, would not change its stance.

"Slovakia has its position on the court, and it is consistent with the EU's position. We are sorry that the American Congress passed this decision, but our position will not change," Kukan said on Wednesday.

Latvian President Vaira Vike-Freiberga told reporters she did not regard the halt in US military aid as a snub: "There is no place for personal insults in international relations."

The three Baltic states, which won independence from the Soviet Union in 1991, are gearing up for EU membership in 2004.

A government source in Estonia, which this fiscal year has already received most of its $6.5 million in US military aid, said Estonia would not sign the agreement with the United States "before EU guidelines allow us to do so."

Vilnius would not back down either, Lithuanian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Violeta Matulaite said. *Reuters*

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## 2 cops linked to kidnap gang nabbed

**By Delfin T. Mallari Jr. and Marlon Ramos**
*PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

**IMUS, Cavite—Police busted a kidnap gang operating in the Calabarzon area, with the arrest of a Camp Crame-based police official, a rookie policeman and three others on Wednesday night in Tagaytay City.**

Senior Supt. Roberto Rosales, provincial police chief, identified the suspects as Insp. George Villarta, assigned to the congressional oversight committee's Dangerous Drugs Board with mother unit at the Admin Holding Center, Camp Crame; PO1 Noel Magnaye; and Samsodin Sarif Sr., Mario Abbu and a certain Bong.

Three of the suspects were collared by Tagaytay policemen during an entrapment operation in front of Rojonet Restaurant, along the Aguinaldo Highway, around 9:50 p.m.

Rosales said a woman, identified as Violet Hernandez, requested police assistance after a group of armed men, who introduced themselves as policemen, demanded money from her husband Mario.

Police immediately conducted surveillance and entrapment operations at the pay-off site.

While the negotiation was in progress, the suspects noticed the presence of the policemen. A brief firefight ensued.

Some of the suspects boarded a Nissan Safari and fled toward Nasugbu town in Batangas. Magnaye, Sarif and Bong were arrested.

While the three were being investigated, Villarta and Abbu arrived at the police station and introduced themselves as their visitors. Mario recognized the two visitors and identified them as members of the group who abducted him.

The police officers were immediately arrested.

Recovered from the suspects were one .38 cal. revolver and a .45 cal. pistol.

In Bacoor town, three members of the notorious "Waray-waray Gang" and three other suspected drug pushers were arrested Tuesday midnight during a buy-bust operation at the Pulido Compound in Barangay Panapaan 4.

Chief Supt. Jaime Caringal, Calabarzon police director, identified the suspects as Roger Hagonoy, 38, of Panapaan 4; Bando Isidro, 21, of Barangay San Nicholas 1; and Jerry Amaro, 29, of Barangay Merville, Parañaque City.

Caringal said Amaro was caught in the act of selling shabu (methamphetamine hydrochloride) to an intelligence officer, who posed as a buyer.

Upon interrogation, the suspect pointed to Hagonoy as among his cohorts.

Police raided Hagonoy's house and found several sachets containing the illegal substance and shabu paraphernalia.

Caringal said the alleged gang leader Benjamin Ada eluded pursuing lawmen.

## ROUNDUP

### Businessman killed

BACOLOD CITY—A businessman was shot dead after being robbed of about P100,000 in cash by four men Monday, in front of his house at Ditching Subdivision in Victorias City, Negros Occidental, 34 km north of here. Police said Arthur Cornel, owner of a grocery store, was shot by two men as he was entering his house. The assailants, who fled in a tricycle and motorcycle, were believed to be former workers of the victim. *Carla P. Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau*

### S. Leyte founding

MAASIN CITY—Southern Leyte celebrated its 43rd founding anniversary on Tuesday with the launching of "Pagkamugna," a street dance and float competition that depicted its creation as a province separate from Leyte. Other activities included a performance by the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra at the Capitol's Sunken Garden; the first Southern Leyte Mountain Bike Tour dubbed "Subida-Bahada Libot sa Probinsiya," a gruelling 334-km four-stage mountain and coastal road race; and the unveiling of markers on the signing of Republic Act No. 2227 creating the province. *Jani Arnaiz, PDI Visayas Bureau*

### 2 die in road mishap

CANDON CITY—An old woman and her year-old granddaughter were killed while the girl's mother was hurt, after their tricycle was hit by a van in Barangay Tablac here on Tuesday. Police identified the victims as Placida Toquero, 73, and her granddaughter, Syrille Jane Cabo, one year and five months. Police said the Toyota Hi-Ace van first hit a scooter before it swerved and hit the victims' tricycle. *Leoncio Balbin Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

### Fire hits Tuguegarao

TUGUEGARAO CITY—A two-hour fire gutted six establishments in the downtown area on Wednesday night. No one was reported hurt in the blaze that broke out at 9:15 p.m. Police said the fire, whose origin was still undetermined, razed a meat shop, a bakery, a dry goods store, a pawnshop and a poultry supply store. Firemen from this city and Solana and Baggao towns put out the fire at past 11 p.m. *Estanislao Caldez, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

### Bus turns turtle

ALICIA, Isabela—At least 54 people were hurt when the bus they were riding in turned turtle in Barangay San Antonio here on Thursday. Police said the Tuguegarao City-bound Jovedy Bus was passing through a bridge when its right front and back tires burst, causing it to tumble. Reports said the passengers, who came from Jones town, suffered only minor injuries. Cecilio Bangloy, bus driver, told the police that he failed to control the steering wheel after the tires burst. *Villamor Visaya Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

### Dump opposed

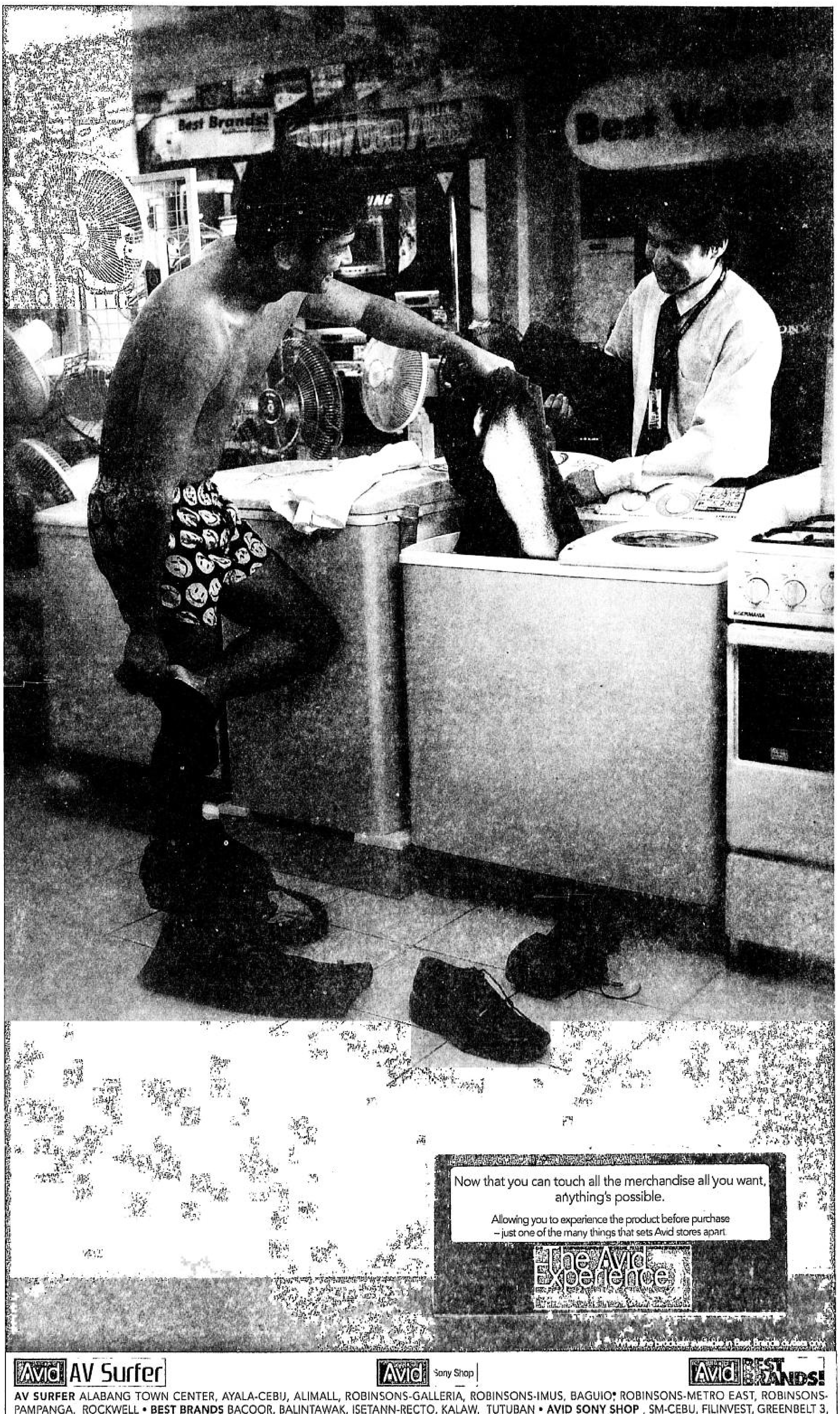
QUEZON, Nueva Vizcaya—Officials and residents are opposing the provincial government's proposal to put up a dump in Barangay Nalubbunan, saying it would endanger the villages' rivers and farms. More than 100 villagers and officials of Barangays Bangar in Solano town and Pogonsino in Bagabag town have signed a resolution opposing the project. Barangays Bangar and Pogonsino are near the boundary of Barangay Nalubbunan. But Evelyn Sagun, chair of the provincial waste management council, dismissed the residents' fear. She said the Environment Management Bureau has approved the provincial government's operational plan for the project. She said only a hectare of the 10-hectare dump would be used. *Ben Moses Ebreo, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

### 20 Indians held

SANTIAGO CITY—Police arrested 20 Indian nationals for lack of travel documents and resident visas while engaging in various businesses in the city. Supt. Valfrie Tabian, city police chief, said the Indians were included in the Bureau of Immigration's list of "undesirable aliens" for engaging in retail trade and lending business without proper permits. *Villamor Visaya Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

### Blood donor cited

COTABATO CITY—The Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC) chapter here will honor a male volunteer for donating some 25,500 cc of blood. Misuari Kasan, 25, will receive a bronze medal that the PNRC is giving to individuals who donated blood to the PNRC blood bank for free. "So that others may live longer," Kasan said of his blood donations. "I just wanted to help, I am happy if I could provide (sic) the needed lifeline to people who's lives are in danger," Kasan, who has been donating blood for the past seven years, said. Recognition of Kasan and members of PNRC Blood Galloners Club will be held on July 28, when the Blood Donors' month celebration ends *Edwin O. Fernandez, PDI Mindanao Bureau*



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# Hundreds arrested in wave of anti-drug operations

CANLUBANG, Laguna—Calabarzon police directors yesterday presented to their provincial officials 779 suspected drug users and pushers, including a Rizal policeman, who had been arrested since last week as part of a government campaign against illegal drug operations.

In Central Luzon, the campaign has resulted in the arrest of 84 suspected drug pushers and users in the last four days, according to reports from regional police headquarters in Camp Olivas in Pampanga.

The Calabarzon police officials also showed shabu (methamphetamine hydrochloride) with an estimated street price of P500,000 and nine assorted firearms that were seized during the police operations.

"The presentation symbolizes the seriousness of the police campaign to wipe out the social menace and also [serves] as our expression of solidarity with the local governments in the campaign against illegal drugs," Chief Supt. Jaime Caringal, Calabarzon police director, told newsmen.

He said one policeman, PO3 Santos Benipayo of the Cainta police station, was arrested by his colleagues while in possession of at least 15 plastic sachets of shabu.

The Cavite police, led by Senior Supt. Roberto Rosales, arrested 204 suspected drug pushers and users and seized a total of 228 grams of shabu worth about P500,000.

Rosales said his men also arrested one Cherry Miranda for allegedly trying to offer P400,000 as bribe to the officers who arrested her husband, Sergio Miranda, a suspected big-time pusher in Bacoor.

Quezon police arrested a total of 100 suspected drug pushers and users; Laguna, 190; Rizal, 175; and Batangas, 105.

In Ilocos Sur, an illegal drug suspect included in a list of drug offenders in the province was shot and killed in Candon City on Sunday, belated police reports said.

The 84 arrested drug suspects, 20 of them women, were presented to reporters in Camp Olivas on Thursday.

Twenty three of them were arrested in Bulacan; 21 in Pampanga; 12 in Nueva Ecija; 11 each in Olongapo City and Bataan; and three each in Zambales and Tarlac, a report said.

Almost 30 grams of shabu, valued at about P100,000, were seized during the four-day simultaneous operations, according to Chief Supt. Vidal Querol, regional police director.

According to a report, at least 14 drug trading syndicates operate in Central Luzon. About 800 villages in the region, mostly in the rural areas, are affected by the drug menace.

"More operations will be launched . . . to fully paralyze and neutralize drug operations in the region," Querol told reporters.

Querol relieved Supt. Jose Carreon, police chief of Hagonoy, Bulacan on Wednesday due to an irregularity in the detention of a drug suspect.

Querol said Carreon allowed a "proxy" for suspected drug pusher Norma Puno-Santiago, 22. About 100 grams of dried marijuana were confiscated from Santiago during a buy-bust operation on June 26.

The husband of the suspect, identified as Enrique, took her place in jail.

Carreon allegedly ordered the desk officer on duty to falsify an entry in the police blotter records to make it appear that Enrique was arrested for marijuana trafficking on June 26.

In Ilocos Sur, police said two men gunned down Jhunelle Valdez, an illegal drug suspect, in Barangay San Isidro, Candon.

Valdez, 31, was with his mother, fixing an electric bulb outside their house, when the suspects arrived and tried to drag him into a waiting van. He resisted, provoking the suspects to beat him up and shoot him.

In Baguio City, police on Wednesday night arrested six people during an anti-drug operation near the city market. Arrested were Dimakaling Dimal Sultan, Lomano Aminola Mangurangka, Parok Batuan Sultan, Nasib Ali Dida, Samer Gandhawali Taher and Lukman Pamtosan Romolos, all of Marawi City.

Police said the five were tested positive for shabu use. Confiscated from them were 15 plastic sachets, containing 15 grams of shabu.

On Monday, members of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency arrested Benjamin Berio, 49, of Quezon City while allegedly delivering shabu to his clients in a shopping mall in the city.

A PDEA agent said Berio's alleged supplier was based in Dagupan City. Berio was No.10 on the watch list of the PDEA-Cordillera.

In Pampanga, police arrested Elmer Basilio, alias "Soksok," and his wife Anita for allegedly supplying shabu to various clients in the City of San Fernando.

Police said the couple was facing cases of violation of anti-illegal drug law and obstruction of justice.

Police recovered 3.5 grams of shabu from them.

In Angeles City, Senior Supt. Jimmy Restua, city police chief, has asked the Department of Justice to review the withdrawal of the case against a suspected drug trader, caught with about 100 grams of shabu during an entrapment operation last February.

Restua said his men arrested Apon Sultan during a buy-bust operation in Barangay Balibago after selling P2,000 worth of shabu to a policeman who posed as a buyer on Feb. 4.

In Pangasinan, six illegal drug suspects were arrested by policemen and PDEA agents in simultaneous raids in three villages in Mangaldan town on Tuesday.

Chief Insp. Harris Fama, Mangaldan police chief, identified the suspects as Rolly de Guzman of Barangay Guilig, Robert Servito and his wife Arlene of Barangay Maasin, and Igod Bautista of Barangay Bari.

Two others—Serafin Biduyco of San Fabian town and Felix Pasana of San Jacinto town—were caught while having a pot session in another house in Barangay Bari. *Reports from Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau; Tonette Orejas and Jun Malig, PDI Central Luzon Desk; and Leoncio Balbin Jr., Frank Cimatu and Yolanda Sotelo-Fuertes, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

# *Captured US flag tells of Baguio war*

**By Frank Cimatu**
*PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

BAGUIO CITY—In a dark corner of the Veterans' Memorial Museum in Balboa Park in San Diego, California is a framed American flag. Some of the stars have been poked, apparently with a knife, while the other end is frayed as if the wind has been ripping it for decades.

The template on the glass reads: "First US Flag to fall in the Philippines, Baguio 1942. A symbol of freedom preserved for the women and children in the Philippines, from the Soroptimists of the Desert Coast region of Southern California."

This tattered flag was surrendered to the Japanese forces in Baguio when the city fell on Dec. 26, 1941.

Japanese soldiers saw the flag flying at the old market and brought it down where it was trampled, spat upon and stabbed with bayonets. Those who tried to stop the soldiers were shot on the spot.

How the flag survived and ended in the museum tells of the "little brown brother's loyalty" to the Americans.

Although San Diego has a big number of Filipino-Americans, particularly those who became US Navy servicemen, only a few knew about the flag.

Dr. Charles Cheng, born before World War II in Baguio, was visiting relatives in San Diego, when he decided to go the Veterans' Memorial Museum.

When a guide learned that they were Filipinos, he took them to the flag on the far left end of the museum. Beside the flag were pictures of concentration camps in the Philippines.

## Bitter memories

"When I saw the flag and learned that it came from Baguio, I was overcome with emotion. Bitter memories came back," Cheng said.

He said he was only 5 years old, when the Japanese reached Baguio. Because both his parents are Chinese, they were hauled off to Camp John Hay with the Americans and Indians as prisoners of war.

Cheng said the museum guide told them that after the Japanese soldiers left, a Philippine scout named Juan Cahillo retrieved the American flag, rolled it and inserted it into a bamboo tube.

Cahillo went to a hill in the city and buried the bamboo tube containing the flag. Cahillo joined the guerrilla group known as the "Avengers" and even survived the Death March in Central Luzon.

After the war, he retrieved the flag and gave it to the American commanding officer stationed in Baguio. The flag eventually ended up in the California museum.

"After hearing the story, I began to wonder about Juan Cahillo. Was he honored by what he did? History has honored the war protagonists, but their families, who bravely endured and suffered silently, were also casualties. As years passed, they are less remembered if not forgotten," Cheng said.

DR. CHARLES Cheng holds a photograph of the American flag retrieved in Baguio City during World War II. The flag is now displayed in a museum in California.
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

## Oral histories

Baguio residents during the war and now based in the US are compiling oral histories about their experiences during the war.

Some are students of the Brent International School, who saw their parents and even their classmates suffer and die in the concentration camp in John Hay.

Cheng said the concentration camp was located at the skating rink at Scout Hill. The Chinese residents occupied the left end of the camp, while the Americans stayed at the other end.

Cheng, the founder of the Baguio Filipino-Chinese General Hospital and author of "The History of Ethnic Chinese in Northern Luzon," said many Filipino-Chinese joined the guerrilla movement during the war.

Cheng said his family was only released when his father, Cheng Him, who died in 1994, was forced to renounce his American citizenship.

Their old house on Lakandula Street was only a few meters from the Japanese sentry.

"When we were released, I saw a man wearing a *bayong* (native woven basket) over his face scanning people passing by. Those who were pinpointed were tied and beheaded. When you are 5 years old, these things stick to your mind forever," Cheng said.

## Baguio liberation

During the so-called Liberation of Baguio, the city was carpet-bombed, this time, by American planes.

Local newspaper editor Cecille Afable, who was already in high school when the war broke out, was inside the Baguio Cathedral when the Americans bombed it.

"There were many people inside because they saw the cathedral as the place of refuge. I saw many people dying there. The cathedral was bombed because of a wrong information from a Baguio woman who acted as an American spy and said Japanese soldiers were inside the church. There was none. The woman was then taken to the US," Afable said.

"After hearing the story of the flag and reviving my memories, I wondered why the flag is there in San Diego and not in Baguio. How come the Filipinos love the Americans so much when it was us who truly suffered with and under them?" Cheng asked.

# Thousands pay respects to Fortich

**By Carla P. Gomez**
*PDI Visayas Bureau*

BACOLOD CITY—Thousands of people from all walks of life have flocked to the San Sebastian Cathedral here to pay their last respects to Bishop Emeritus Antonio Y. Fortich.

Msgr. Victorino Rivas, vicar general of the Diocese of Bacolod, said about 3,000 people had filed pass the casket of Fortich at the altar of San Sebastian Cathedral since Wednesday noon.

"They attend the Masses and wait their turn to view the bishop," he said.

One of them was Maja Dely, a secretary who said Fortich had always made her feel welcome even if he was still bishop of Bacolod.

"When you approached him, he always had time to shake your hand and make small talk, and even tease you. His house was open to everyone rich or poor," she said.

Terry Genovea, 68, a church worker, said she went to see Fortich to pay tribute to the man who set up the Basic Christian Communities to empower the poor.

"He loved the poor and made them part of the Church," she said.

Fortich, known as "bishop for the poor" and "man of peace" died in his sleep on Wednesday morning at the Riverside Medical Center here. He was 89. He was to turn 90 on Aug. 11.

According to his physician Dr. Angel Araneta, the bishop succumbed to systemic infection and multiple organ failure secondary to diabetes.

President Macapagal-Arroyo was scheduled to attend his funeral at the San Sebastian Cathedral on July 15. Fortich will be laid to rest in a niche on the right side of the altar.

Former President Corazon Aquino said in a statement that she was saddened by the death of Fortich, whom she described as "a good bishop and a great friend of the poor."

"May you all receive consolation from the thought that he did not only live a full and meaningful life but also did his substantial share in faithful service to God, country and people," said former President Fidel Ramos in a letter to the bishop's family.

Former President Joseph Estrada, for his part, said Fortich's accomplishments in social reforms and peace had inspired him in "my own quest to liberate the less fortunate from poverty."

# Bugkalot villages declared under state of calamity

BAYOMBONG, Nueva Vizcaya—The provincial board on Wednesday placed six villages in the towns of Dupax del Sur and Alfonso Castañeda under a state of calamity, following a malaria epidemic there.

The outbreak, which was first reported in May, has killed at least 15 Bugkalot residents and afflicted more than 200 villagers in Barangays Talbec and Abaca in Dupax del Sur and Barangays Pelaway, Cawayan, Lipuga and Abuyo in Alfonso Castañeda.

The provincial board has also authorized Gov. Rodolfo Agbayani to use P139,200 of the province's calamity fund to help contain the disease.

Teams from the Department of Health were sent to the affected villages this week to treat affected residents and distribute medicines.

Dr. Antonio Parong Jr., provincial health team leader, said the latest malaria cases were reported in Sitio Gabong at Pelaway.

Parong said the slow-moving streams and a stagnant portion of the Casecnan riverbed in the area have become suitable breeding sites of malaria-carrying mosquitoes.

He said their field observation showed that water along the Casecnan River has almost dried up. Water from the mountains could not flush out the stagnant water.

"This is the worst information that I have received. I have asked our team to validate this because they said even the water impounding reservoir (in the area) has become a breeding site for mosquitoes," he said. *Ben Moses Ebreo, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

# Trader, 2 others face raps for sex films

**By Romy G. Amarado**
*PDI Visayas Bureau*

DUMAGUETE CITY—Mayor Agustin Perdices has filed a criminal complaint against a businessman and two others for allegedly filming the sexual trysts of three young women and their boyfriends in 1999.

The complaint against Jonathan Lim, a contractor and businessman, his former caretaker Nicholas Siloterio and Noli Banagodos was filed on Tuesday before the city prosecutor's office.

The three were charged with violation of Republic Act 201 under the Revised Penal Code that prohibits immoral doctrines, obscene publications and exhibitions of indecent shows.

Banagodos was allegedly one of the actors in the film that featured the sexual acts of three young women and another man inside a rest house owned by Lim in Barangay Daro here.

Raymund Mercado, Lim's lawyer, maintained that his client had nothing to do with the film, copies of which were being sold here at P40 to P100 apiece.

Lim is a successful contractor who does not need to engage in such an activity "to prop up his resources," Mercado said.

The complaint was based on an affidavit of Victor Empleo, reportedly a close friend of Lim's, who implicated the businessman in the filming of the sexual trysts.

Empleo claimed that in 1998, Lim converted his house into a motel-type rest house, which was being rented out to sexual partners at P40 for two hours.

He, however, alleged that Lim's "main intention" was to videotape lovers who checked in.

On many occasions, he added, Lim had shown him and their close friends some of the films.

Empleo said Lim tasked Siloterio with shooting the video, with a hidden handy camera mounted on the ceiling of the house.

He said Banagodos had allowed Lim and Siloterio to film his sexual trysts with his girlfriend. He was seen in the video giving a thumbs-up sign while making love.

Mercado, however, urged the public not to take Empleo's words as gospel truth. He maintained that his client would respond to the allegations in a proper forum.

"The public does not know the witness, his credibility and the reasons why he came up. We knew the reasons, but we will divulge these in the proper forum," Mercado said.

The mayor said he decided to file the case because the circulation of these films not only degraded the honor of the women in the videos but tainted the image of the city as well.

# Lapid eyes 4th term, cites interrupted term

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—Saying his two suspensions by the Ombudsman interrupted his second term from 1998 to 2001, Gov. Manuel Lapid said he was considering seeking another term as governor.

Lapid said the suspensions slapped on him by former Ombudsman Aniano Desierto over the alleged P104-million land scam dragged for almost two years.

"I was elected into office but I was not able to perform my duties during much of my second term," Lapid, who is on his last and third term, told the INQUIRER in Filipino.

He said his lawyers were studying if he was still qualified for another term, which may just be his fourth.

In Central Luzon, Bataan Gov. Leonardo Roman managed to get a fourth term in 2001, after the Commission on Elections ruled that the recall movement against him interrupted his term.

In Lapid's case, the Supreme Court in August 2001 stopped the Ombudsman and the Sandiganbayan from further prosecuting the graft case.

Former Pampanga Vice Gov. Cielo Macapagal-Salgado, the half-sister of President Macapagal-Arroyo, filed the case during the Estrada administration.

She alleged that Lapid conspired with the sellers of the questioned 40-hectare land to evade taxes due to the government from the sale. *Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

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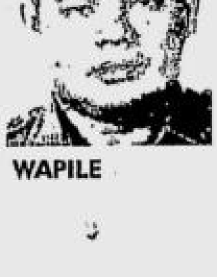

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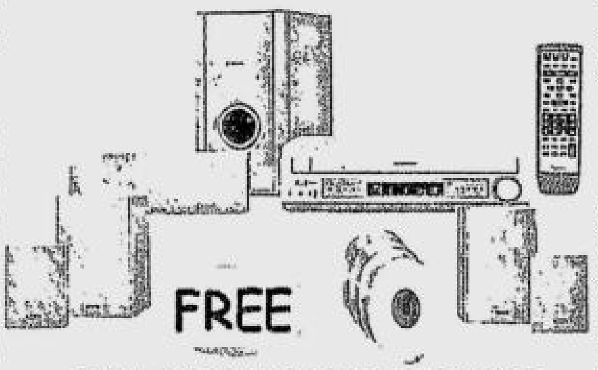

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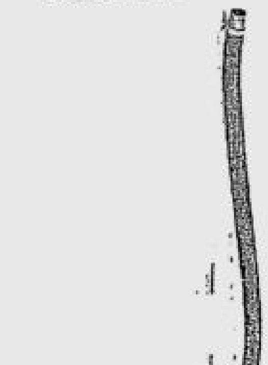

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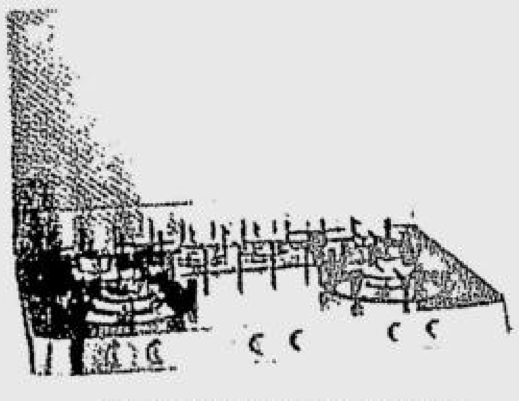

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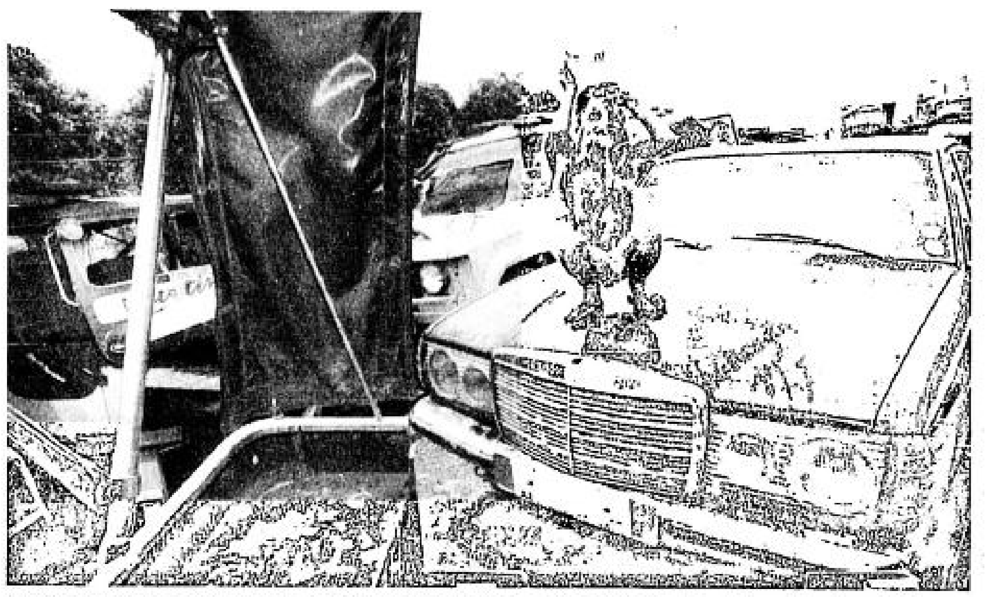
# Dead-end for 'motor homes'

**YOUNG** mother Rosemarie Mapanao crouches as she watches her baby inside their 'jeepney mobile home' near the House of Representatives in Quezon City. The Mapanaos and at least seven other families will become homeless when the Metro Manila Development Authority bulldozes this roadside junkyard to give way to a road widening project. ROMY GACAD/AFP PHOTOS

**WAITING** for the wrecker.

**WHAT'S** bugging him? Rolando Loreto and his wife Lorna ponder a future away from their old Beetle.



**BATH** on a Benz. Five-year-old Jumel Alonte takes a bath "au naturel" on the hood of a luxury car that has seen better days.

# DOJ bats for death of drug convicts

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time drug traffickers, but she has exercised due deference to the position of the Church as well as other well-meaning sectors on this issue," Bunye said.

He said Ms Macapagal did not want a protracted debate on the death penalty to distract the nation from the campaign.

"It may not be time to spark extended debates on the death penalty while we are trying to consolidate the nation behind the war on illegal drugs," he said.

Dante Jimenez, founding chair and director of the Volunteers Against Crime and Corruption (VACC), said not imposing capital punishment on drug traffickers would be "a very big setback" and could "spell the failure" of the anti-drug campaign.

"She should reconsider," Jimenez said in a phone interview, referring to Ms Macapagal. "She earlier said she would be firm and decisive against illegal drugs. The impression we have been getting all along is that she will use an iron hand in dealing with drug lords."

## On hold

The President's all-out campaign against illegal drugs has of late triggered calls for her to lift the moratorium on the death penalty, ostensibly to deliver a strong signal to drug syndicates.

But Bunye said Ms Macapagal would keep her decision on the executions "temporarily on hold," for the sake of unity in the campaign.

"Our aim right now is to get the cooperation of everybody in this anti-illegal drug campaign, and a protracted debate on this matter would be divisive," he said.

Bunye was asked why the President seemed afraid to make an "unpopular decision" when one of her avowed reasons for deciding not to run in 2004 was that she could govern effectively and make hard decisions without being bothered about her popularity.

In response, Bunye said: "What the President really wants is to avoid a divisive issue at this time. "It is in our national interest that we are united."

Gutierrez said the DOJ would follow the decision of Malacañang vis a vis the moratorium on the death penalty.

"But then, our policy now [should be] to give impact to our campaign by starting with those sentenced to die for having been convicted of drug violations," she said, adding:

"I go with the line that executing those convicted under the Dangerous Drugs Act and [sentenced with] the death penalty would really give impact to the fight of the government against drugs."

Gutierrez also said the DOJ would designate special prosecutors for drug cases to speed up their resolution.

She said she had coordinated with the Chief State Prosecutor for the designation of prosecutors to handle drug cases especially in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, "and also in places where there is a need for such special prosecutors."

The DOJ already has a special task force of prosecutors that handles drug cases. But this covers only Metro Manila, Gutierrez noted.

## No legal basis

In the interview with the INQUIRER, Jimenez urged the President to follow the law and not heed the Church's opposition to the death penalty.

He said the Church should pay attention to its own problems and not meddle in the enforcement of the death penalty law.

He pointed out that the moratorium on executions earlier imposed by the President had no legal basis because the Death Penalty Law specifically identifies drug trafficking as a heinous crime punishable by death.

"Executing a convicted drug trafficker now will show that the President is really serious about battling illegal drugs," he said. "It will produce a chilling effect on the drug lords still at large. The only thing these drug lords are afraid of is the death penalty."

Jimenez called attention to the execution of drug lord Lim Seng during martial law, saying this caused the abrupt decline of drug pushing and related crimes.

He said drug traffickers and manufacturers from other countries such as China were setting up their illegal trade in the Philippines because of the leniency that the government had been exhibiting concerning the imposition of the death penalty on drug traffickers.

Jimenez said drug traffickers deserved to be punished with death because they were responsible for all the crimes committed by people under the influence of drugs.

For example, he said, 80 percent of the 1,100 cases being assisted and monitored by the VACC were drug-related.

"Because of these drug lords, many in our communities are practically dead men walking, either as dependents or victims of those under the influence of drugs," he said.

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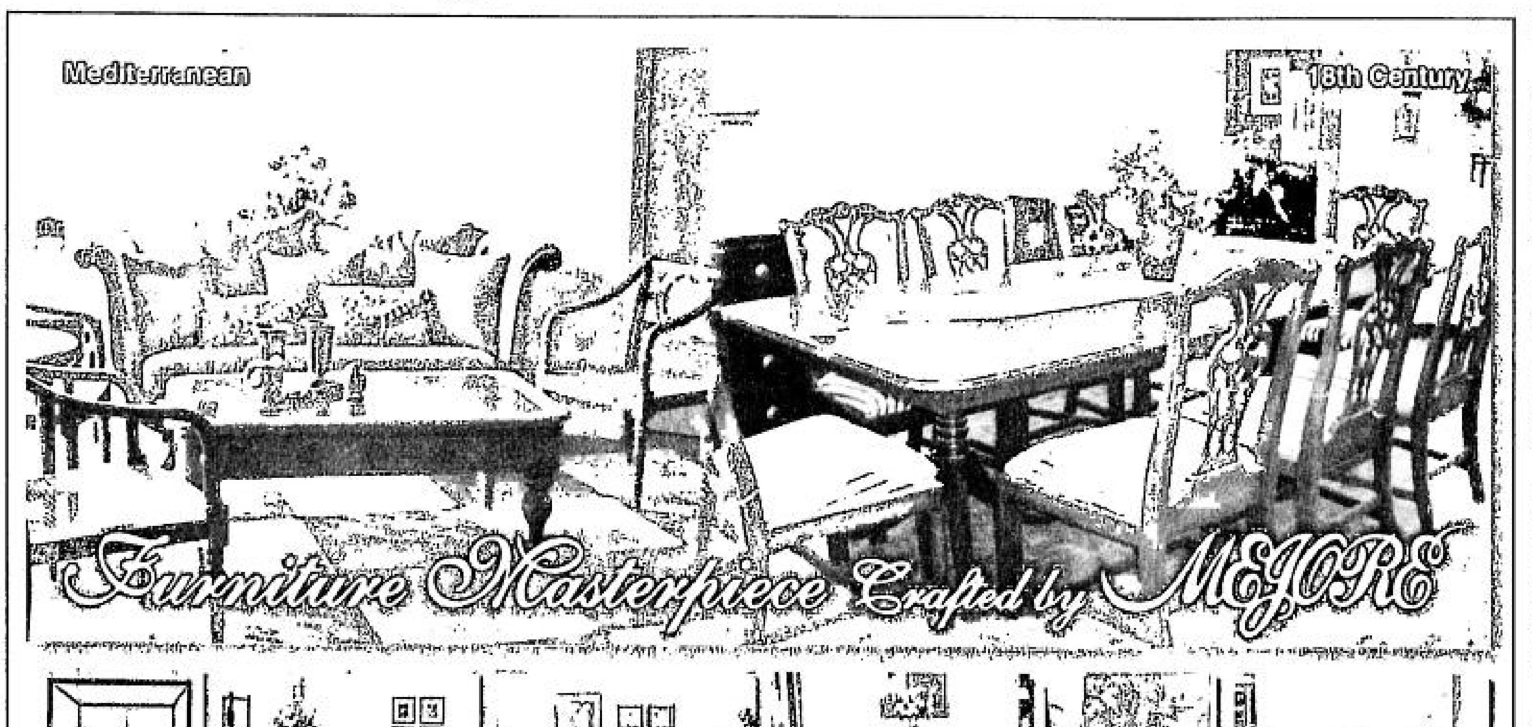

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# Pushers fear Davao ...

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As of yesterday, police authorities said 35 persons had surrendered following a spate of drug-related killings attributed to the Davao Death Squad (DDS), and confessed their involvement in illegal drug trafficking.

The surrender of users and small-time pushers came as the DDS struck down its 16th target since President Macapagal-Arroyo ordered police officials to intensify their anti-drug campaign on June 16.

On Wednesday morning, two motorcycle-riding men gunned down a certain Tata Ok-ok, who doubled as a pimp, on Legaspi and San Pedro streets. The victim was sitting on a motorcycle when the men approached from behind and pumped two bullets in his face.

Most of those who surrendered to the police said they wanted to reform so the DDS would spare them. They said they feared for their lives because of the resurgence of the DDS.

## Duterte

In 2001, the vigilante group, which is allegedly being supported by Mayor Rodrigo Duterte, felled more than 20 drug pushers in the city. It also ventured into other communities in the Davao provinces and killed more than 20 others.

Duterte has repeatedly denied involvement in the summary executions but agreed that some people wanted to solve the drug menace in the shortest way. He has warned pushers and users to stop their activities so they would live longer.

Chief Insp. Leonardo Felonia, commander of the Sasa police precinct, said those who yielded were all residents of Bolinao Site and Km. 12 in Sasa District. Most of them were in the police watch list, he said.

Felonia said lawmen would still be stalking them to ascertain if they had indeed reformed or not.

Crooked policemen should also be wary of the vigilante groups, according to Philippine National Police spokesperson Ricardo de Leon.

The groups would make no exception between suspected drug peddlers and policemen involved in illegal drugs, De Leon told reporters yesterday in Camp Crame. "If I were them, I won't wait for these vigilantes to execute me."

Despite the warning, De Leon said the PNP would not tolerate vigilante killings. "We have to identify them and look for them," he said.

Director General Hermogenes Ebdane Jr., PNP chief, has ordered all police directors in Metro Manila and in the regions to go after the vigilante groups, De Leon said.

In Quezon City, the bodies of three suspected drug pushers were found in a densely populated area on Tuesday.

De Leon said the PNP had imposed strict measures to keep its men from forming their own vigilante groups if only to comply with the President's directive against drug trafficking.

## Lina

Following reports that drug peddling was rampant even inside detention centers, Interior Secretary Jose Lina yesterday said he was consulting with the Department of Justice and the Dangerous Drugs Board on the possibility of "dumping" convicted drug pushers and users into the secluded Iwahig Penal Colony in Palawan so "they would not be able to influence inmates into using drugs."

Lina claimed that drug peddlers detained in the New Bilibid Prisons (NBP) and other prison cells in the country were relentlessly doing their illegal activities even behind bars.

"I am urging the DOJ to consider the suggestion to dump (those) convicted drug pushers and users to Iwahig rather than put these criminal elements in ordinary jail where they are able to go on with their evil deeds," Lina said in Filipino.

Lina was in Tanauan City's sports complex to lead the presentation of 165 suspected drug pushers and users who were arrested in Batangas. *(See a related story in Across the Nation, Page A12.)*

Senior Supt. Rodolfo Magtibay, provincial police director, called on all illegal drug traffickers to surrender to authorities and lead a better life.

He said the government would continue the campaign against illegal drugs until all drug syndicates are dismantled.

## Watch list

Lina reiterated that the campaign was not centered on small-time pushers. The PNP has a watch list of known personalities involved in big-time drug peddling, he said, but he declined to name them until the police intelligence reports are verified.

"Intelligence reports alone are not evidence in courts. We have to be careful in giving out names. But we will definitely run after these suspected traffickers," Lina said.

He disclosed that they were closing in on five politicians who he described as local and national figures.

Lina said they were planning to re-launch the "Private Eye Program" wherein civilians could report suspected drug pushers and users.

Those who can positively identify criminals will get money rewards for the information, he said.

In Laguna, Gov. Teresita Lazaro led the presentation of 190 suspected drug dependents in Sta. Cruz town.

Lazaro said almost 80 percent of inmates in the province were involved in illegal drugs.

She said the provincial government was losing millions of pesos in maintaining jails and drug rehabilitation centers. *With reports from Christian V. Esguerra in Manila and Marlon Ramos, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

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# Labor dep't sends team to investigate Taytay sweatshop

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made its way to the assembly lines in September, when orders started pouring in.

Other supposed labor violations by Anvil included payment of salaries below the minimum wage, non-remittance of social security contributions, unsanitary conditions and forced overtime.

Taytay Mayor June Zapanta said he invited Anvil treasurer Augusto Lazo to a dialogue after reading the INQUIRER report.

"I asked him to meet me at 9 a.m. tomorrow. I hope he shows up," Zapanta said.

The mayor visited the factory in Barangay Bangiad, but was not allowed inside.

"A guard told me that none of the owners was around," he said. "Well, it is their right if they don't want to let us in. I respect that. But I hope I can talk to [Lazo]."

Zapanta said he asked some workers if the complaints were true, but "it seems nobody wants to talk." Nonetheless, he has ordered the heads of the Taytay health, human resource and permit and license departments to look into the matter.

## Tip of the iceberg

Zapanta also said he was "very surprised" at the INQUIRER report.

"My house is just a few blocks away from the factory. I didn't know something like that was going on in there," he said.

But the Kilusang Mayo Uno said that the situation at Anvil was just the "tip of the iceberg."

According to KMU chair Elmer Labog, sweatshop workers are the most exploited among contractual workers because they get jobs on a seasonal basis, do not get benefits, receive low wages and are subjected to inhumane working conditions.

"Unfortunately, owners of sweatshops and cottage industries are not being punished by the DOLE," Labog said. "Much worse, these kinds of enterprises are not being monitored closely by officials."

Labog said that in the case of Anvil and other labor-intensive, export-oriented industries like textile, garments and semiconductors, employers tended to extend work hours through forced paid or unpaid overtime to meet quotas.

The lack of job security produces docile workers, enabling employers to increase their workloads, he said.

He also said the Anvil case indicated how much "greedy capitalists" were making by way of profits.

"It's very likely that other sweatshops employing seasonal and child labor are into illegal drug use," he added.

Efforts by the INQUIRER to contact acting Labor Secretary Manuel Imson proved fruitless.

## Increased drug use

Herrera said Drug Watch, which he chairs, had noted an "alarming" increase in the use of illegal drugs in the work place.

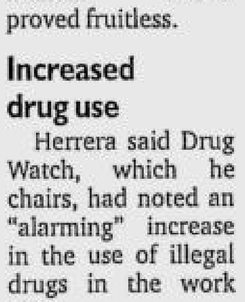
Data from the TUCP tend to support this.

TUCP spokesperson Alex Aguilar said a survey conducted last year showed that 10-15 percent of about 6.5 million young workers were using illegal drugs.

He said most of them were telephone repairmen, drivers, prostitutes and ordinary factory workers.

Aguilar said those factory workers who were using drugs were found in the manufacturing sector.

He said the survey was part of a TUCP survey on problems confronted by young workers in the workplace. *With a report from Luige del Puerto, Metro*



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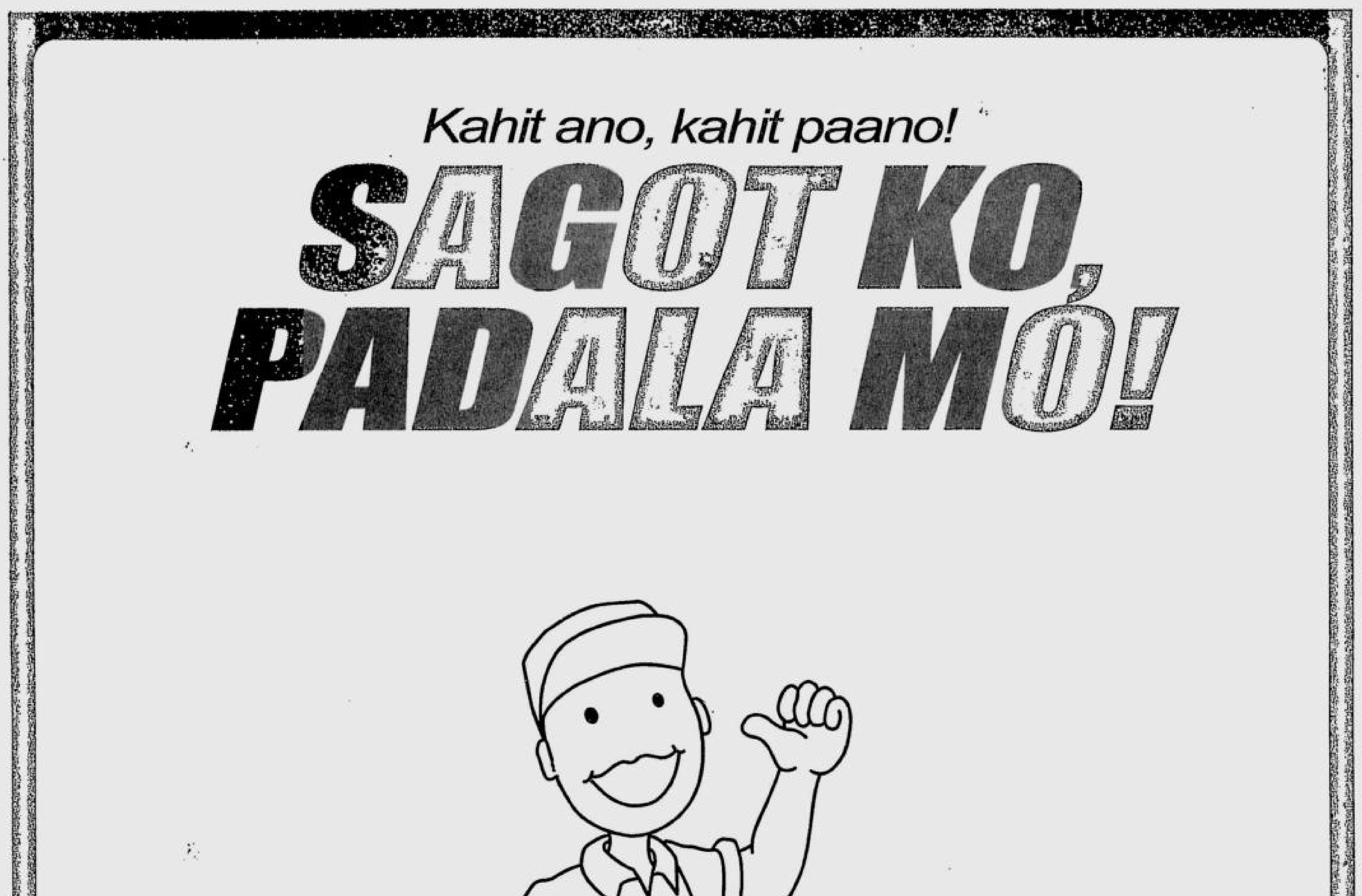

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# Controversial GMA adviser is an 'alien'

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missed the allegation as "old hat," and said he knew the people behind the "black propaganda."

He later said, "I did not violate any law. *Malinis ang konsensya ko* (My conscience is clear)."

## Electing citizenship

Ang had the right to elect Filipino citizenship upon reaching the age of 21 in 1963, and could have exercised the same right until 1965.

"But apparently, he didn't bother. That makes him a Chinese citizen," said another government lawyer.

Ang's defense: "To tell the truth *di ko naisip yun* (I did not think of that, of electing Filipino citizenship) when I was 21 years old. Nobody advised me during that time ... Maybe *mali ako* (I'm mistaken). But I don't think I made a mistake. It's not my fault. Just check my birth certificate. It clearly says my nationality is Filipino."

The certificate, from Register No. 1071 of Las Piñas and dated June 29, 1942, does classify his nationality as Filipino.

Ang said he had "consulted with (his) lawyers and they told me the mere act of electing or participating in an election is like electing Filipino citizenship. I have been taking part in elections here since time immemorial."

"*At saka pag boboto ka* (And when you vote) they require you to show your birth certificate, among other documents.

How come I was never questioned by (Commission on Elections) lawyers?" he said.

And said the issue did not bother him. As far as he is concerned, he said, "the more important question is 'What is a Filipino?' Or 'Who is a Filipino?' Those who help other people by creating and offering jobs or those people who corrupt the system." It was apparently a dig at some of his critics.

"I look like a Filipino. I speak like a Filipino and better than most Filipinos. I can write better than most Filipinos. I have no doubt about my nationality and my citizenship."

He said with emphasis: "I am Filipino." And added: "I didn't violate any law.

## Terrorist-judges

According to various sources, Ang's problem, in the words of one of them, "started last May when he lashed out at the entire Philippine judicial system."

**PRESIDENT** Macapagal confers with her publicist Dante Ang in this photo taken in Baguio City on Dec. 28, 2001. EDWIN BACASMAS

In a speech before the Philippine Constitutional Association in Makati City, Ang called members of the judiciary "terrorists in robes."

"We have allowed a kind of legal terrorism to encroach upon the legal system and the practice of law," Ang said, as he called for a cleansing of the judiciary and the country's legal system.

Noting that US Ambassador Francis Ricciardone had also complained about corruption in the judiciary, Ang said this state of affairs discouraged foreign investments here.

"Whether it's money or friendship, this kind of legal terrorism frustrates the ends of justice and tilts the balance in favor of the rich, the powerful and the well-connected," Ang said.

On June 2, lawyer Melanio Mauricio Jr. filed with the Supreme Court a petition for indirect contempt against Ang for his speech before Philconsa.

Mauricio said Ang should be cited for contempt because his remarks "when taken in their totality and entirety, directly or indirectly impede, obstruct and/or degrade the administration of justice and scurrilously and unjustifiably assail the integrity and dignity" of the Supreme Court, and also "interfere" with the court's proceedings in pending cases.

A high court source pointed out that "the case in itself is interesting not so much because of the legalese, but because of a footnote in the petition which discloses a detail which appears to have been overlooked by many, Dante Ang himself included."

The source was referring to footnote No. 4 in Mauricio's pleading, part of which read: "Thus, respondent Ang continues to be a Chinese national contrary to his false claims that he is a Filipino citizen by birth." The source added: "It would seem that Dante Ang, who has boldly attacked the entire Philippine judicial system, is not even a Filipino but an alien."

The source also noted that "there is no record anywhere that Ang elected to become a Filipino citizen."

## Passport renewal

A copy of Ang's application for renewal of his passport, dated May 20, 2003, which Mauricio also submitted to the high court, showed Ang claiming he had acquired his citizenship by birth.

"Mr. Ang, who apparently accomplished his application in his own handwriting, could have indicated he acquired Filipino citizenship by election by ticking off the appropriate box in the application, but did not, obviously fearing being guilty of the crime of falsification of a public document. But unwittingly, he falsified it just the same by claiming that he was a Filipino by birth," said the SC source.

But Ang insisted he did not commit any crime. "Passport renewal *na 'yun* (That was only for renewal). They should not have issued me a passport earlier *kung di ako Filipino* (if I were not Filipino)." His old passport was issued in February 1996 by the Philippine Embassy in Rome.

Reached a second time yesterday, Commissioner Domingo sounded disturbed. "This is really shocking," she said.

She said she was referring the case to a board of special inquiry, to determine if Ang "obtained a passport through fraudulent means."

Domingo clarified that, even though she was included in institutional ads for the Manila Times' School of Journalism, she was merely offered a teaching post, but had not yet started teaching.

Aside from the Manila Times Publishing Co., Ang owns other businesses, most of which are in the fields of advertising, marketing and public relations, including Bankwise, KBS Printing Corp., Sunshine Publishing Corp., DAA Realty Corp., Grande Farms, Inc., Bell Publishing Company, Inc., Bell Publishing (Hong Kong), KBS Trading (Italia), Bell Graphics, Inc., DAA Trading Co., Inc. and Dante A. Ang & Associates, Inc.

Ang has tangled with the law firm identified closely with President Macapagal-Arroyo, the influential Villaraza, Angangco Law Office, formerly the Carpio, Villaraza and Cruz Law Office before two of its partners were appointed to key government positions.

He wrote front-page articles that railed against the allegorical dog 'Viaje,' named after 'viajeng Hapon" (colloquial Filipino for someone who has a finger in every pie) and his "kennel."

The articles were widely viewed as referring to lawyer Arthur "Pancho" Villaraza and his law office. Supreme Court Associate Justice Antonio Carpio and Chief Presidential Legal Adviser Avelino Cruz were once partners in the firm.

# Ang chooses to be biblical, not ballistic

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eryone knows why they want (to drag) me down," he said.

Ang said he was "aware these are the same people behind those 'white papers' about me." "What they're saying (does) not bother (me)," he said.

Ang said he had obtained copies of some of the papers.

One of them described him as a "one-man conglomerate who is not only a significant player in the market economy, but also and more importantly, a man who has the power to shape the course of Philippine politics by building and destroying the images of important public figures.

The same white paper claimed Ang's clients included a former senator and presidential aspirant "who wanted to sanitize his reputation in the post-Edsa era due to his known links with the Marcos crony Eduardo "Danding" Cojangco."

Ang yesterday just laughed off what he called "below-the-belt" allegations.

"My job was to tell the President the truth, the hard facts. In the process of discharging my duties, *may nasasaktan* (people were hurt). That explains all these charges," he told the INQUIRER. *Jerry Esplanada*

# *American dons G-string, lives with Mangyans*

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one another, and was soon taken by the ways of the Buhid-Mangyan tribe.

He donned a G-string as early as his second day. "I didn't speak English in order to learn and assimilate the soul and culture of the natives," he says in Filipino.

Kiko stayed in Batangan for three days, assisting in organizing the Community Nutrition Development Program for the Mangyan of Bongabong.

After a year, he was assigned to Batangan again, subsisting on a monthly meal allowance of P1,100.

He has since chosen to live there, and regularly seeks an extension of his stay.

After each term, he would fly to the United States where his family unfailingly urged him to stay put.

Lately, he has been visiting Europe where his mother and some of his siblings are based.

## 'Very pure'

Kiko says he was attracted to the Mangyan culture "because it is very pure."

In contrast to the ways of foreigners, he says, the Mangyan ways of *pakikisama* and hospitality are unconditional. Everyone knows everyone else, unlike in New York.

Kiko says an association—the Isang Samahang Buhid covering the towns of Roxas, Mansalay and Bongabong in Oriental Mindoro and San Jose, Rizal and other towns in Occidental Mindoro—ensures the absence of conflict among the Buhid-Mangyan.

He says he has not seen anger, only mild "*tampuhan*" (misunderstanding), which, he notes, may be expressed by intentionally missing association meetings.

"I don't like trouble and I used to mediate between my two elder brothers when I was a child," he says.

He leaves the area during election time. He says he does not want to meddle in the community's political affairs although some of its officials have become his friends, and even family.

Kiko admires the intelligence of the Buhid-Mangyan, and points out that their fear of the punishment of the spirits deters them from wrongdoing.

"That's why I respect their culture even I'm an American," he says.

He challenges the notion that his adopted people are "uncivilized."

"Are they uncivilized, the Buhid-Mangyan who are always happy and where there is no killing?" he says, chewing on betel nut.

Kiko has a pair of pants and a good T-shirt to his name. He wears these when transacting with the government, private organizations, various church groups and friends he has made (he already has a number of *kumpare* and *inaanak*).

Otherwise, he is happy with three or four G-strings and a few worn-out T-shirts that, he says, are appropriate for day-to-day activities.

"The G-string is practical because it easily dries after getting wet in the river," he says.

## No VIP

The American is no VIP in Batangan. Like the rest of the community, he tills the land in the *kaingin* (slash-and-burn) way and produces corn and vegetables for daily consumption.

Like the rest, he is not spared the annoyance presented by pests like farm rats.

During *kaingin* time, he walks many kilometers and crosses dangerous rivers in the course of accomplishing his tasks.

**EARLIER** photos show Kiko cuddling two little monkeys posing with his Mangyan friends. At right, the former US Peace Corps volunteer does a Tarzan. PDI SOUTHERN LUZON BUREAU

Kiko considers his work as generic, informal and low-key. He serves as adviser, procures fruit seedlings, and assists in the marketing of produce, among others.

"My work is one of support," he says.

Because he speaks the language, Kiko has helped register the tribe with the Securities and Exchange Commission. He also translates documents that are written in English.

He has also taught the Buhid-Mangyan to use the kilo in selling their produce, in order to guard against being swindled.

"There is always a new challenge and I don't get bored," says Kiko.

He calls some lowlanders "unscrupulous" for grabbing Mangyan land and poisoning their river.

On May 7, 1992, then Environment Secretary Fulgencio Factoran Jr. approved the Mangyan's use of 1,900 hectares. They were awarded a Certificate of Community Forest Stewardship, renewable after 25 years and granted under the government's Integrated Social Forestry Program.

This has made Kiko very happy.

But he is saddened by this fact: The number of dead Buhid-Mangyan in his adopted home is bigger than the number of persons he knows in the United States.

He feels sorry that most Mangyan die of respiratory diseases, like pneumonia.

He laments that the Mangyan have less access to medicine and proper nutrition. (He is helping a tuberculosis patient seek medication through government services.)

Kiko remembers being afflicted by typhoid fever and malaria. In both cases, he says, he was healed by a medicine man using traditional medicine.

He suggests that schools should not undermine traditional medicines and practices like those of the Mangyan.

## Matters of the heart

And love?

Kiko admits falling in love—and being spurned—through the years of staying in Mangyan areas.

It appears that because the American has no relatives in the area, Buhid-Mangyan women fear the tremendous responsibility of caring for him in case he gets sick or injured.

Also, his height, skin color and general difference in looks make the women steer clear.

Kiko has paid court three times. He says he devoted 3-5 years in courting each Buhid-Mangyan woman whom he describes as beautiful and kind.

One time, he says, he slept in the house of the woman and was shouted at by her parents after only one hour. They feared responsibility for him, he says.

Thus, says Kiko, work has become his life. This is why he finds it difficult to describe himself without mentioning his work.

It appears that he has lost all time for love—or leisure.

His travel, for example, is always with a purpose. After all these years, he has not even been to Puerto Galera, the most popular tourist destination hereabouts.

# NPC says GMA, Danding firming up alliance

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election.

"They need not go against each other," Escudero said. "If GMA changes her mind and Danding decides to run, then that would be resolved through consultation within the coalition."

Presidential spokesperson Ignacio Bunye at first denied but later confirmed the meeting between Ms Macapagal and Cojuangco.

"They discussed strengthening the administration coalition in the House of Representatives," Bunye said, adding the meeting lasted only a few minutes. "There was no time to discuss other matters.

A government official, who declined to be identified, said Ms Macapagal had met with Cojuangco to abort an alleged NPC plot to oust De Venecia from the top House post.

Whatever, the meeting only fueled speculation that Ms Macapagal and Cojuangco talked about next year's election. Ms Macapagal, whose current term ends on June 30, 2004, announced last December that she would not seek a new six-year term and instead concentrate on economic reforms.

But there is a strong public perception, reinforced by Palace officials themselves, that Ms Macapagal will run.

Davao City Rep. Prospero Nograles, a Lakas stalwart who is openly endorsing Cojuangco's candidacy, said that while he was still "not completely convinced" that Ms Macapagal might run after all, Cojuangco's supporters were prepared "to make a compromise."

Nograles said Cojuangco could run as Ms Macapagal's vice presidential candidate.

## Decide now

Malacañang's double-talk about Ms Macapagal's political plans has thrown off balance several presidential aspirants, including Sen. Ramon Magsaysay Jr.

In a talk with reporters, Magsaysay said the sooner Ms Macapagal made her intentions clear, "the better for our people and society."

He said August would be "the right time" for Ms Macapagal to announce her political plans.

"Wannabes like me, (Senate President Pro Tempore Juan) Flavier, and (former Sen. and Education Secretary Raul) Roco who belong to the coalition are left hanging," Magsaysay said.

But Flavier and Senate President Franklin Drilon said Ms Macapagal would make her announcement in October after the state visit of US President George W. Bush to Manila.

"My view is that the ratings of the President (Macapagal) can go up on the occasion of that visit," Drilon told a news conference. "If the economy holds for the next semester or for this quarter ... you can expect some announcement from the President."

Opposition Sen. Serge Osmeña said Ms Macapagal had made up her mind about running. "She is only trying to boost her ratings further," Osmeña told reporters.

The opposition has charged that the announcement by Ms. Macapagal last December was just a trick to bolster her image and that she would later change her mind.

In Legazpi City, Akbayan Rep. Loreta Ann Rosales said Ms. Macapagal's decision to run would depend on her receiving high performance rating in surveys until December.

## Int'l community

Foreign Secretary Blas F. Ople, who was recently elected chair of the Lakas-CMD advisory board, yesterday said the clamor in the international community for Ms Macapagal to run had been "reverberating in the chanceries around the world."

"In the recent Association of Southeast Asian Nations Ministerial Meeting in Phnom Penh, the ministers believe that the leadership of President Macapagal-Arroyo is needed in the Asean," Ople said in his weekly news conference.

He said other diplomats had also expressed admiration for Ms Macapagal's stand against terrorism and her support for the US war on Iraq.

Ople, whose department would play a crucial role in the 2004 elections, said that he himself would support Ms Macapagal's bid to seek a fresh mandate.

The Commission on Elections has entrusted the Department of Foreign Affairs with the task of handling the voters' registration of an estimated 1.7 million overseas Filipinos on Aug. 1.

"I have directed all Philippine posts abroad to maintain a meticulous posture of impartiality in conducting their election tasks under Comelec supervision and control," Ople said.

## Business sentiment

Local business executives say Ms Macapagal is doing a good job, but most want her to make way for the election of a new president next year, according to a survey commissioned last month by the Business World daily.

A survey by New York-based Roper ASW found that most respondents believed Ms Macapagal would lose if she contested the May 10, 2004 election.

The survey, in which 300 executives belonging to the country's top corporations took part, showed 63 percent thought Ms Macapagal was doing a good job compared to 15 percent who disagreed.

Forty-six percent believed the economy would prosper under Ms Macapagal while 38 percent disagreed.

When asked if Ms Macapagal should run for another term, however, only 37 percent said she should while 61 percent said she should not.

If she did decide to run, only 23 percent believed she would win while 52 percent said she would lose.

Sixty-five percent said Ms Macapagal was sincere against 21 percent who said she was not.

Although she is credited with carrying out economic reforms, surveys have said that Ms Macapagal faces an uphill battle in getting elected as there are other prominent personalities who outpoll her. *Reports from Juliet Labog-Javellana, Christine Avendaño, Cynthia D. Balana, and Norman Bordadora in Manila; Gil Francis G. Arevalo/PDI Southern Luzon Bureau; and AFP*

**WHAT'S up? Latest meeting between President Macapagal and businessman Eduardo Cojuangco fuels speculations on their political plans in 2004. File photo of the two taken in October 2001 in Malacañang.**

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# Joker raps eerie silence on coco levy

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Joey Faustino, executive director of the Coconut Industry Reform Movement (COIR), said any deal would undermine gains already made on the legal front to recover the coco levy assets.

"This is the nearest we have gotten in the last 17 years in recovering the coco levy funds. Why do we have to subject this to a deal?" he said.

"We're so near and yet so far," he went on.

## Landmark case

Faustino was referring to the landmark Supreme Court ruling of Dec. 14, 2001 allowing the government to vote the sequestered shares in the United Coconut Planters Bank since these were "indisputably acquired with coconut levy funds which are public in character."

As a result, about 30 farmer representatives, including Faustino, were appointed to sit on the boards of the UCPB and the Coconut Industry Investment Fund oil mills last year.

But the high court left it up to the Sandiganbayan to decide who owned the coco levy assets in the UCPB, CIIF and San Miguel Corp.

The Sandiganbayan was expected to rule early this year, but has not done so.

"If only the Sandiganbayan would resolve this issue, we won't need to subject anything to a deal," said Faustino, who sits on the UCPB board. The UCPB board last year approved the release of P700 million in CIIF dividends to the farmers.

But the beneficiaries of the micro-finance program are still being screened.

"It's only now that farmers are benefiting from their money," Faustino said.

Luisita Esmao, president of the Liga Magniniyog, said any deal with Cojuangco was a "betrayal" of the farmers since the case was already nearing its resolution before the Sandiganbayan.

Arroyo, a human rights lawyer during the Marcos regime, called on the Sandiganbayan to immediately resolve the coco levy issue, saying doing so would prevent Malacañang from gaining political concessions out of the funds.

Arroyo pointed out that the Sandiganbayan should have resolved the pending coco levy cases 18 months ago.

"The Supreme Court order to settle the cases, including the ownership question, was issued on Dec. 14, 2001. The high court gave the anti-graft court six months to finish the job," said Arroyo.

**ARROYO: "It is now clear that everybody is scared."**

## Studied move

"But it's already July 2003," said Arroyo. The senator refused, however, to speculate whether the Macapagal administration had a hand in the delay of the resolution of the cases.

Arroyo believed that the refusal to confirm or deny his claim was a "studied move." He explained that neither the Palace nor the PCGG might have preferred not to react to his exposé so as not "to open a can of worms."

To prevent further attacks, these "unofficial rapacious advisers" might have cautioned Malacañang against issuing categorical denials, Arroyo said.

The other day, he had branded the rush to forge a deal with Cojuangco as "immoral" and a "preemptive strike against the (court) decision."

Arroyo said he believed that a compromise agreement with the Cojuangco camp was "impossible." Other than the expected backlash from human rights groups and the Left, "there are more than a dozen parties involved here."

"The government can't just deal with one group and ignore the others," Arroyo said.

Romeo Royandoyan, executive director of the Philippine Peasant Institute, said the secret deal could possibly be linked to the P20-billion assistance package for UCPB.

The Philippine Depositors Insurance Corp. is set to infuse P20 billion into the ailing UCPB, he said, but the approval of the package was put off, allegedly because of talks with Cojuangco, who claims a substantial part of UCPB and related businesses.

"The delay (in the final approval of the package) is leading to speculations that they're cooking (up) something," Royandoyan said.

"The President has apparently made use of the UCPB's current financial weakness to advance her own political agenda," he added.

Bunye, asked during a Malacañang briefing what the President's position was, said that matter was "something for the PCGG to resolve."

"I believe that in due time the chair of the PCGG would make the proper announcement on this particular issue," he said.

Bunye denied that the agreement was among the items discussed in a meeting between the President and Cojuangco in Villamor Air Base on Wednesday afternoon.

Bunye confirmed the meeting but said the only item discussed was "strengthening the administration coalition" in the House.

"There was a brief meeting and the meeting centered principally on this House issue. "During that meeting there was no occasion, no opportunity to discuss other matters other than what we mentioned."

But Bunye, who was not present during the one-on-one meeting, said the President gave no further details of the meeting other than the two leaders had agreed to consolidate the House coalition. *With reports from Juliet Javellana and Volt Contreras*

# *Before 'secret deal,' there was 'sweetheart deal'*

**By Dona Pazzibugan**

BEFORE the "secret deal," there was a "sweetheart deal."

The Presidential Commission on Good Government has uncovered a business deal struck during the Estrada administration that allegedly favors controversial businessman Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco Jr.

In 1999, the sequestered Coconut Industry Investment Fund (CIIF) decided to shell out nearly P900 million for the lease and eventual purchase of several coconut oil mills allegedly owned by Cojuangco.

"This is a sweetheart deal," said Commissioner Ruben Carranza, officer in charge of the PCGG, adding there was "no reason whatsoever" to lease the mills since copra production was down and most of the mills were old anyway.

He gave reporters copies of the questionable agreements on Wednesday.

An agreement to lease with an option to purchase was entered into by Estrada-appointed United Coconut Planters Bank chair and CEO Jeronimo Kilayko with Indophil Oil Mills Inc., Southern Islands Oil Mill Corp., PCY Oil Manufacturing Corp., Metroplex Commodities Inc. and Countryside Millers Inc. represented by treasurer Estrella Narvadez on Oct. 16, 1999.

Under the deal, the UCPB, which administers the CIIF and other coconut levy assets, would rent the mills for P3 million a month for five years.

But it also shelled out another P200 million in advance, representing six years' rent.

After Estrada's ouster on Jan. 20, 2001, the two parties sealed a purchase agreement where the UCPB was supposed to buy the mills for P879.6 million.

The agreement, dated Feb. 1, 2001, was eventually aborted.

But by then, according to the PCGG, the UCPB through the CIIF had already shelled out about P300 million in rent to the mills.

The PCGG first disclosed the allegedly anomalous deal two years ago. But apparently the commission still has to go after the culprits.

"We're going to have this audited. We want to establish the culpability of the persons involved and get the money back," Carranza said.

Aside from paying rent, the CIIF also agreed to pay for the salaries of the employees of the private oil mills, as well as for the real property taxes and electricity and other utilities.

"This was possible because it was during Erap's time," Carranza, a defense undersecretary in the Estrada administration, said.

Carranza said Cojuangco tried to get the government to buy his oil mills to offset his "loans" from the UCPB and the CIIF.

"The coco levy funds were used again by the same people who used the funds for their own private businesses under Marcos. These same persons did it again under the Estrada administration," Carranza said.

# Wrecking crew won't stop woman from teaching poor kids

By Edson Tandoc Jr.

THEY robbed the children of their education on the first day of class.

The 160 pupils of PINASAMA Dona Juana Child Care Center on Simon Street in Barangay Holy Spirit, Quezon City, and their mentors have become one of the casualties of the Metro Manila Development Authority's road widening project.

Structures that were in the way of progress, like the day care center, were demolished on June 23, the center's first day of classes.

Preschool teacher Petrona Gamayo—Teacher Diding to the children—yesterday recounted to the INQUIRER how she and her wards panicked when they saw the back-hoe that the MMDA men had brought with them to demolish their small school.

Describing the equipment as a gigantic spoon, Gamayo recalled how frightened she was on that day. But she kept her wits about and immediately told her students, about 40 of them, to pack their things quickly and go home. She grabbed the notebooks of her pupils, some of whom were bent on copying the letters she had written on the blackboard.

Yesterday, Gamayo showed the INQUIRER her pupils' unfinished scribbles on the notebooks that had been left in the schoolroom.

One child insisted on staying in school to finish coloring the pictures in a coloring book, she said. In the afternoon of the same day, another student showed up for classes, not knowing that part of the classroom had been demolished earlier.

Gamayo said the MMDA crew threatened to use their backhoe if she would not tear down the walls herself. She said some of her neighbors helped her do the job.

"I am never against the projects of our government," Gamayo said. "But they could have scheduled the demolition when we were still on vacation, not during class hours."

Before classes began in the day care center, Gamayo had the small room repainted. A narrow comfort room was also built, and a new toilet seat from a donor was installed.

About a fourth of the narrow room has been demolished by the MMDA crew, and the walls, which were recently painted pink, are now gray because of dust.

The day care center was built in 1986 as part of a shanty, but had been improved into a narrow concrete structure. Each of the students, who came from poor families, paid P100 a month if they could afford it. But the fee is voluntary, according to Gamayo who has been teaching there for 12 years.

She refuses to give up teaching her pupils, and vows to resume classes on Monday.

## Demolished

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The former watchman then sold the property to Chin and Mallari for P150 million but the two paid Menor with only P1 million. This prompted Menor to sell 40 percent of the Arboretum to Dimaporo on Jan. 18 this year, the UP report said.

Dimaporo then reportedly subdivided it into 70- and 90-square meter lots and sold these to refugees from Mindanao for P20,000 to P40,000, respectively.

According to UP Chancellor Emerlinda Roman, they would build a police detachment and deploy security guards in the area to prevent the squatters from coming back. They would also file trespassing charges against intruders.

As a rainforest, the Arboretum is home to a number of important plant species and serves a vital ecological role in the metropolis.

## Garbage man's 'treat' downs 150 in Rizal

By Luige del Puerto

A GARBAGE truck driver thought he would give his family a little treat by bringing them food from the Philippine National Red Cross.

That treat caused 150 residents of Barangay Mascat in Rodriguez, Rizal to be ill due to food poisoning on Wednesday.

Fortunately, no one was seriously hurt in the incident, according to Rico de Castro, the town's chief information officer.

De Castro said dump truck driver Lito Lacerna brought home three cartons of compact food—a kind of milk product—of which the Red Cross had asked him to get rid. The food was intended for residents of another barangay, but the product's shelf life had expired.

"The driver did not listen to instructions," Castro said. "He was asked to dispose of the food, not eat them or give them to anyone else."

Lacerna distributed the food to his children who, in turn, shared the expired products with playmates and neighbors, Castro said.

Those who took the food immediately felt dizzy and started vomiting, he added. The victims—most of whom were children—have now recovered.

"The doctors were able to treat them immediately," Castro said.

He said the town government is still investigating the incident.

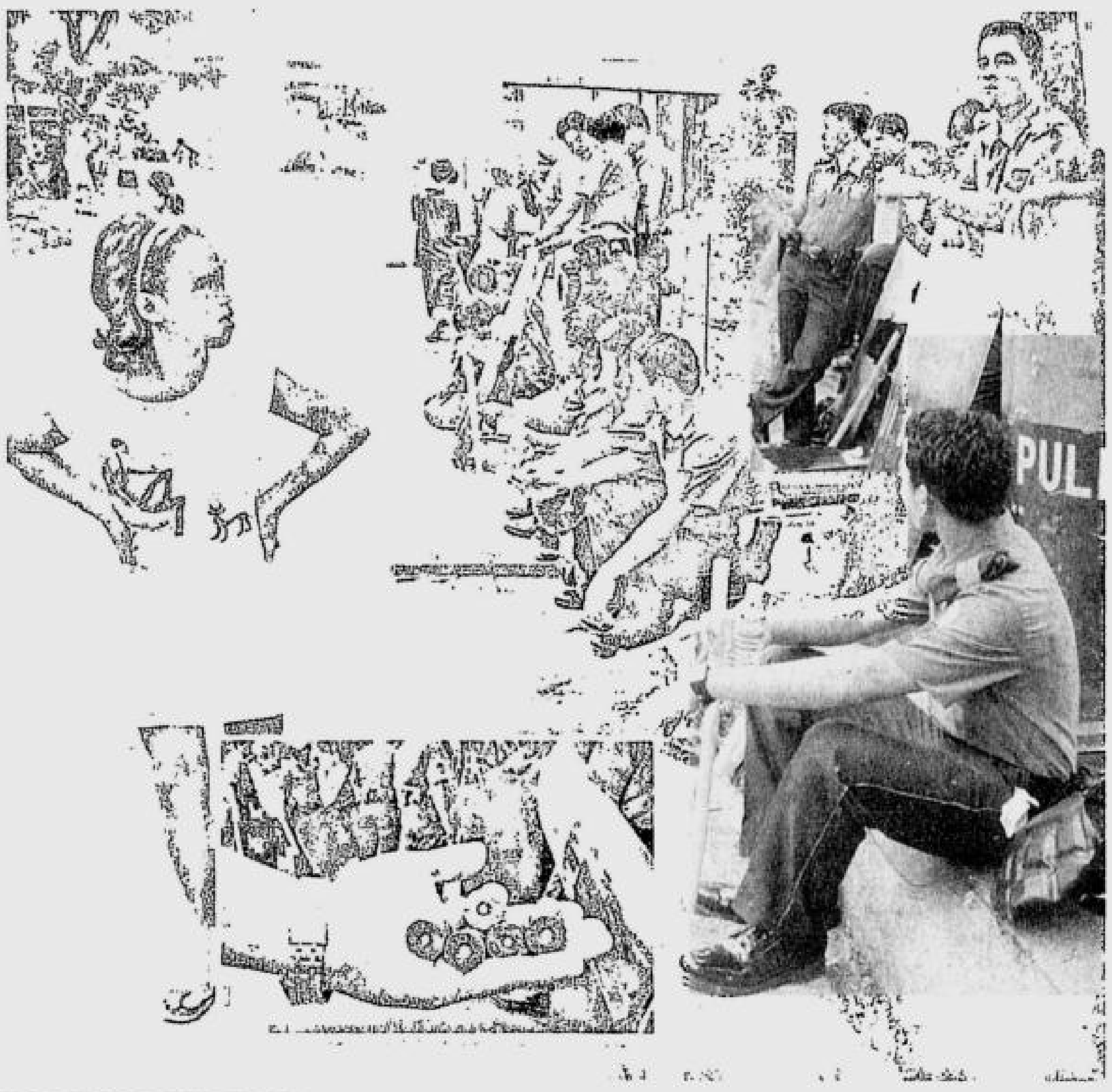
## P. Saguinsin; 66

PURIFICACION Lazaro Saguinsin died on July 1 at the age of 66.

She is survived by her husband Simeon; children Stanley and Lulu, Sonny Boy and Cris, Monette; grandchildren David and Louie.

Her body lies in state at the Charity Chapel of St. John Bosco Parish, Makati City.

Interment will be on July 5, after the 8 a.m. mass at the Loyola Memorial Park, Parañaque.



**IF LOOKS COULD KILL**
A child whose house is among those being dismantled at the Arboretum of the University of the Philippines throws dagger looks at policemen providing security to a demolition team from the university and the Quezon City government. Inset shows shotgun shells seized from one of the illegal dwellers. JOAN BONDOC

# Tight watch in Baclaran

By Leila Salaverria

THE FIGHT over the sidewalks has turned into a battle of wills.

The Metro Manila Development Authority is determined to match the persistence of vendors who keep on returning to the sidewalk every time MMDA clearing personnel would drive them away.

The MMDA's strategy: a 24-hour watch of critical areas by sidewalk clearing personnel and police officers.

Initial results showed that the all-day, all-night watch of MMDA personnel has produced positive results, since the Redemptorist Road and the area in front of Baclaran Church have become free of vendors, said MMDA Traffic Operations Center Director Angelito Vergel de Dios.

The 24-hour watch has been ongoing for about a month now, he added.

Traffic flow in the areas has visibly improved now that only a few stalls or hawkers block the vehicles' way, according to Vergel de Dios.

"We put up the 24-hour watch because, when we turn our backs, the vendors would surely return," the traffic director said. "There's big money involved (in hawking wares on Baclaran sidewalks)."

About 50 watchmen are deployed to Baclaran at any given time. They work in shifts, with their sidewalk clearing equipment on hand, along with the MMDA prison bus where apprehended violators would be held.

Police officers have also been deployed to protect the MMDA men from irate vendors.

The tight watch in Baclaran's sidewalks is also meant to condition both the vendors and the buying public that they cannot use the sidewalks for business anymore, Vergel de Dios said.

"We want the public to get used to not seeing sidewalk vendors so that they could not buy from them," he said.

The Metro Manila Council earlier approved a resolution urging local governments to penalize those who patronize sidewalk vendors.

He also said that the MMDA is planning to implement the watch in Baclaran for a month, or until the vendors tire of returning.

# WPD: We are just protecting the students

By Margaux Ortiz

"WE ARE just protecting and helping the city's students fight the drug menace."

This was the remark of a Western Police District official, who denied that the authorities have turned Manila's University Belt into a "police zone."

WPD and Metro Manila Association of School Security Organizations, Inc. (Masso) officials said that school authorities in the city have coordinated with the police even before the start of the school year to increase the uniformed presence in their areas.

"School authorities in Manila, particularly in the University Belt, requested that the police give their schools full attention," said Col. Jose Diño, Masso chair.

During a meeting of police officials and school authorities at the Manila City Hall yesterday, Diño said that police visibility is "badly needed" in some areas.

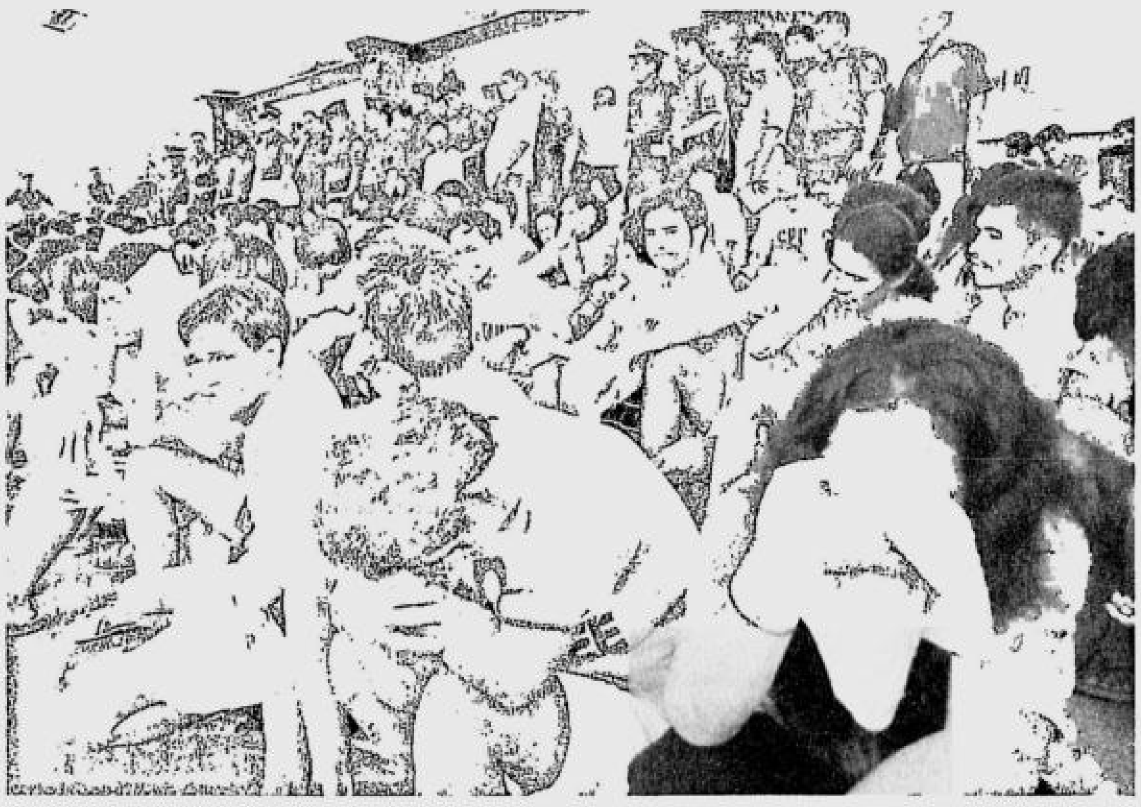
"Let's help our law enforcers instead of constantly criticizing their every move," Diño said.

WPD spokesperson Chief Insp. Gerry Agunod said that as far as the WPD is concerned, there are no "police zones," only a clear manifestation that the Manila policemen are doing their jobs.

The National Union of Students of the Philippine earlier expressed "extreme distress" over the massive deployment of policemen in various universities on CM Recto Avenue.

Yesterday, Manila Mayor Joselito Atienza Jr. also announced that the city government has stepped up its drive against drug offenders who prey on students and young city residents.

Atienza also announced that the city government has formed a school campus security committee made up of presidents of schools, heads of school security, barangay officials and the police.



**HABIT-FORMING**
The police have developed a taste for rounding up suspected illegal drug pushers and users to present to media. About 150 more men and women are now being held for drug charges in Camp Karingal, Quezon City. JOAN BONDOC

## Makati, Manila go waterless

MANILA Water officials yesterday announced that the water service in two communities in Makati City and one in Manila would be interrupted to give way to the repair of a ruptured old pipeline on M. Roxas Street.

The repair work would affect water services in Carmona and Kasilawan in Makati, and portions of Sta. Ana in Manila.

Manila Water would replace the two existing 300-mm diameter pipe, which has been found to have deteriorated with age and can no longer be used to distribute water.

A new 600-mm pipe will be laid in place, officials said. Manila Water has temporarily deployed static tanks and tankers to supply water in the affected areas.

Residents are advised to store enough water prior to the schedule of the interruption. For an update, please call Manila Water's customer call center at 1627.

## Sacked CIDG chief bewails extort raps

By Christian Esguerra

THE FORMER chief of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group unit in Rizal on Wednesday said he was standing by his men and denied the charges of extortion, arbitrary detention and sexual harassment against him and his men.

Chief Insp. James Brillantes, has been relieved of command shortly after National Bureau of Investigation agents arrested his men in connection with the detention of two 11-year-old girls.

"I was not there during the incident, but I stand by my men," Brillantes told the INQUIRER. "There's a presumption of regularity in their actions unless they're proven guilty in the proper forum."

He also described as "arrogant" the NBI agents who raided the CIDG office in Rizal, supposedly to "rescue" the girls and arrest CIDG civilian agent Edgar Ty.

The agent was allegedly the one who had tried to extort money from the children's parents.

Brillantes suffered another blow on Tuesday when a Cainta woman filed similar charges against him.

The woman, who was arrested on April 16 and held at the CIDG jail, claimed Brillantes had demanded P5,000 or sexual favors for her release.

"That's simply outrageous," Brillantes said.

The official said the woman surfaced only to "ride with the issue" involving the two minors.

# METROBRIEFS

### No smoking, no guideline

THE NO smoking campaign of the government is off on a slow start in the northern part of Metro Manila after Caloocan City Mayor Reynaldo Malonzo and Malabon information officer Gerry Gonzales said they had yet to receive the guidelines to implement the new anti-smoking law. Yesterday, residents in Caloocan City, Malabon, Navotas and Valenzuela City complained that the law was being ignored. Nenita Lagdameo, a 35-year-old teacher at the La Consolacion College in Caloocan City, and Arlyn San Miguel, 27, an accountant from Malabon, noted that several violators were jeepney drivers. Driver Arsenio Bolado, 45, said he would not mind if he would get caught smoking. "*Bayaran na lang ang multa*," he said. The law bans smoking in all public places, including schools, recreational facilities, transport terminals, public vehicles, elevators, stairwells, hospitals and restaurants, among others. *Tina Santos*

### Rizal nets 923 in drugs

TWO policemen led 923 persons arrested in the drive of the Rizal Provincial Police Office against illegal drugs. PO1 Randy Dacal of the 418th Rizal Provincial Mobile Group was nabbed while allegedly selling shabu and PO3 Santos Benipayo of the San Juan police was collared in a pot session in Cainta. Among the 923, 203 were pushers while 720 were users, according to Supt. Joel Garcia. The police said their anti-drugs operations yielded P729,100 worth of shabu (365.54 grams) and P2,224 worth of marijuana (109.20 grams). *Luige del Puerto*

### Residents report vice

THE VIGILANCE of citizens led to the arrest of four suspected jueteng operators in Caloocan City the other day. Police arrested Rudy Francisco, 33; Noralyn Sumapari, 49; Ador Garma, 47; and Romeo Rapada, 45, all from Bagong Silang, while they were collecting bets in the neighborhood. The arrests were made after residents reported the jueteng operations to "Big Time Balita," a program over radio dzBB. Police confiscated several bet lists and bet money amounting to P325. *Tarra Quismundo*

### Checkpoints set up

"PLEASE bear with us." This was the appeal of the National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) to motorists in Metro Manila as it launched yesterday a massive and intensified anti-carnapping drive. NCRPO, together with the Land Transportation Office and the Traffic Management Group (TMG), randomly set up checkpoints in strategic areas in Metro Manila to foil the activities of carnapping syndicates. Supt. Cesar Hawthorne Binag, chief of the NCRPO Public Information Office, urged motorists to cooperate by always bringing with them their official receipts and certificates of registration to prevent delays during inspections. He said they would only check vehicles whose plate numbers would not match the car type vehicles that did not have license plates. Cars whose drivers would be unable to present the proper documents would be impounded. *Amy Remo*

### Pasay AID SOTG at work

A DAY after they were installed members of the Pasay City Police Anti-Illegal Drug Special Operations Task Group (AID SOTG) nabbed 11 suspected drug offenders. The arrest conducted on the evening of July 2 also yielded two sachets of shabu and shabu paraphernalia. Pasay City Chief of Police Supt. Oscar Catalan relieved 12 members of the former Drug Enforcement Unit on July 1 and ordered the new team headed by Insp. Thomas Chu to take over. *Edson Tandoc Jr.*

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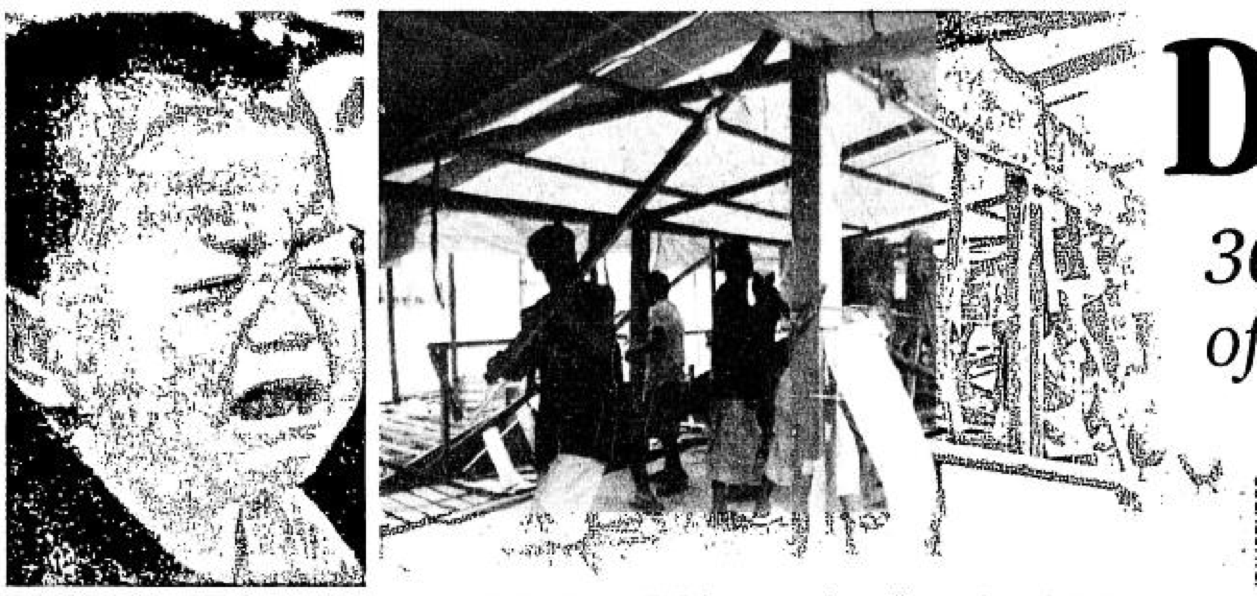


JOAN BONDOC

A YOUNG boy cries as members of squatter families in the UP Arboretum voluntarily tear down their shanties.

# DEMOLISHED

## *300 cops help clear UP Arboretum of 2,000 squatters, 300 shanties*

**By Amy Remo**

THE ARBORETUM—the last remaining natural forest in Metro Manila—is again free of squatters and University of the Philippines officials hope it stays that way.

At about 8 a.m. yesterday, the presence of some 300 Central Police District lawmen, including a SWAT team, and personnel from the Quezon City government convinced 2,000 squatters who were claiming portions of the 20-hectare property that it was time to go.

The police said some 300 houses made of coco lumber, plywood and galvanized iron and a makeshift mosque were demolished. Many of the squatters dismantled their own houses rather than leave them in the hands of a demolition team.

"While the UP administration regrets the need to resort to the show and use of force, the situation left us with no other alternative," UP president Francisco Nemenzo said in a statement.

Nemenzo said the university tried to negotiate with the "intruders" but they "were becoming more brazen in flouting authority and denying entry to lawful occupants of that area."

The Arboretum houses the National Hydraulics Research Center.

### Fourth time

It was the fourth time this year that demolition teams from the UP and the CPD came to clear the area after illegal settlers started coming in February.

Lucky Lucman, one of the settlers and member of the Committee on Peace and Order in the Arboretum community, said the demolition was illegal since QC Regional Trial Court Branch 222 Judge Rogelio Pizzaro had issued a writ of preliminary injunction on demolitions in April.

However, Housing Secretary Michael Defensor said the demolition was legal. He explained that since the residents were "squatters" there was no need for a court order.

He added that the injunction did not cover UP because it was directed against a group of claimants, particularly Jorge Chin and Renato Mallari, who were sued by Luis Menor and Abdul Raof Dimaporo.

### Claimants

While UP's ownership of the area had been affirmed by the Supreme Court, Menor surfaced with a "fake title" and claimed the Arboretum, a report from the UP Newsletter had said.

Menor, a former UP watchman, bought the land from a certain Antonio Pael, whose claim had long been dismissed by the High Court, the Newsletter reported.

DEMOLISHED/A19

# Young star hurt in car accident on her birthday

**By Luige del Puerto and Marinel R. Cruz**

DIZON

A JOY ride in her BMW car sent young actress Sunshine Dizon to hospital where she spent her 21st birthday yesterday after she smashed the car at dawn into an electric post in Mandaluyong.

Police said Dizon was brought to the Mandaluyong Medical Center by a tricycle driver, but was transferred to the Cardinal Santos Hospital in San Juan.

Dizon, a resident of White Plains in Quezon City and a talent of GMA 7 Artist Station, was driving her car (UHP-505) along Pioneer Street going toward Shaw Boulevard at about 2 a.m. when she lost control of her car while maneuvering it along a curve on the road.

The car then hit an electric post and the concrete wall of the wire and copper company Phelps Dodge, Philippines, according to the Mandaluyong police.

In a television interview, Dizon's mother Dorothy said her daughter had asked permission to drive around the city.

GMA 7 Artist Station manager Lou Gopez told INQUIRER in a phone interview that the young actress was not seriously injured.

"She is sleeping at the moment," she said.

Gopez said Dizon had suffered a cut in her right knee which required four stitches to close.

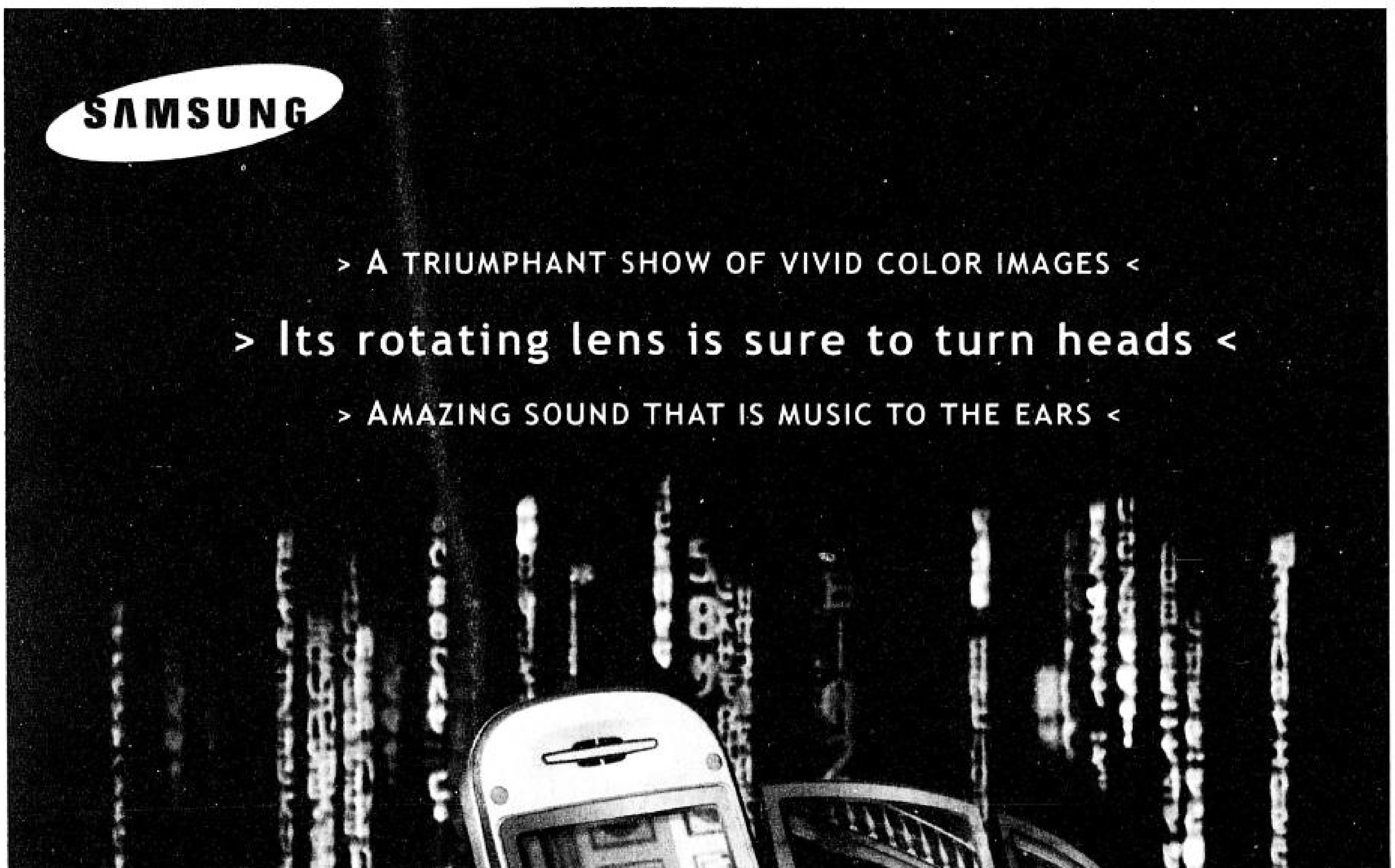
The actress was released from the operating room at 10:30 a.m. and was brought to her private room 30 minutes later.

Gopez said doctors had advised the young actress to rest for two to three weeks.

She also clarified that Dizon was not drunk or high on drugs at the time of the accident.

"Police told us that that particular place in Mandaluyong is an accident-prone area because of poor lighting," Gopez said.

She said Dizon had lost her wallet and her cell phone during the accident.



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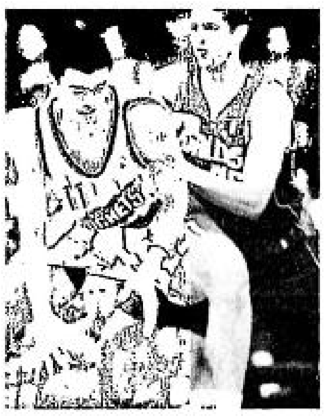

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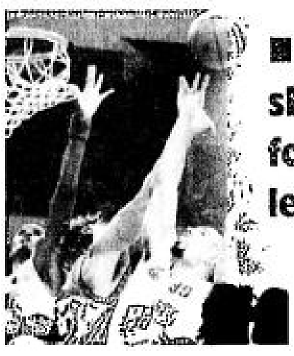

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## SEAG CAMPAIGN

# POC-PSC unity boosts RP fight

By Marc Anthony Reyes

THERE could be no greater boost to the country's campaign in the forthcoming Southeast Asian Games than the newfound unity between the Philippine Olympic Committee and the Philippine Sports Commission, a top sports official said yesterday.

Steve Hontiveros, chairman of the SEAG technical committee, said the country's chances in the Vietnam Games improved by leaps and bounds after the POC and the PSC patched up their differences.

Hontiveros, who presided over the conciliation meeting between the two sports bodies on Wednesday, said that, although POC president Celso Dayrit and PSC chair Eric Buhain were not able to meet, their presence in the meeting signified their intention to unite for the sake of the country's campaign in the SEA Games.

Buhain, who initiated the meeting, had already left when Dayrit arrived.

The conciliation meeting was an aftermath of an earlier announcement by the PSC of total funding support for all the athletes chosen by the POC to the Vietnam Games based on instructions by President Arroyo to Buhain.

"When there are no worries on their minds, our athletes can focus all their energy training for the Games," Hontiveros said.

Buhain earlier said he's happy over the move to change the name of the POC technical commission to SEAG technical committee where the two sports bodies will work hand in hand on equal capacity.

Dayrit also expressed delight over the development saying: "The (SEAG) body is complete."

"Joining hands for the sake of sports is one way to promote nation building," said Dayrit. "I appreciate the efforts made to unite us."

Hontiveros, who is also chief of the bowling association, said the athletes' list rose to 422 from the 361 earlier approved by the committee.

However, these are just based on the number of athletes submitted by the 28 national sports associations sending bets to the biennial Games, according to the POC.

Track and field submitted 30 more, women's traditional boat race 25, sepak takraw 8, shooting 7, fencing 2 and swimming one, while the 12 members of men's volleyball originally listed by the technical committee were put on hold.

The final list of athletes going to Vietnam will be known by September, according to the POC.

## SPORTS TV

Compiled by L. Manguiat

**TENNIS:** Wimbledon; Day 10 Highlights; 8 a.m. (r-5:30 p.m.); Ladies Singles Semi Finals; 10:30 a.m. (r); Men's Singles Semifinals; 7 p.m.; Star Sports—Find out who gets to move on to play in the Finals in this year's third Grand Slam event.

**GOLF:** PGA Western Open; 3:30 p.m. (r) and tomorrow at 4 a.m.; Star Sports—Catch the first and second round of the centennial edition of this tournament from Illinois.

US Women's Golf Championship, Preview; 2:30 p.m.; First Round; 5 p.m.; Second Round; tomorrow at 4 a.m.; ESPN—See if our very own Jennifer Rosales survives the cut.

Schedules subject to change without prior notice.

# *First angle offered on Go case*

THOSE who tried to kill Philippine Amateur Track and Field president Go Teng Kok wanted to silence him and stop his mission for Philippine sports, highly reliable sources said yesterday.

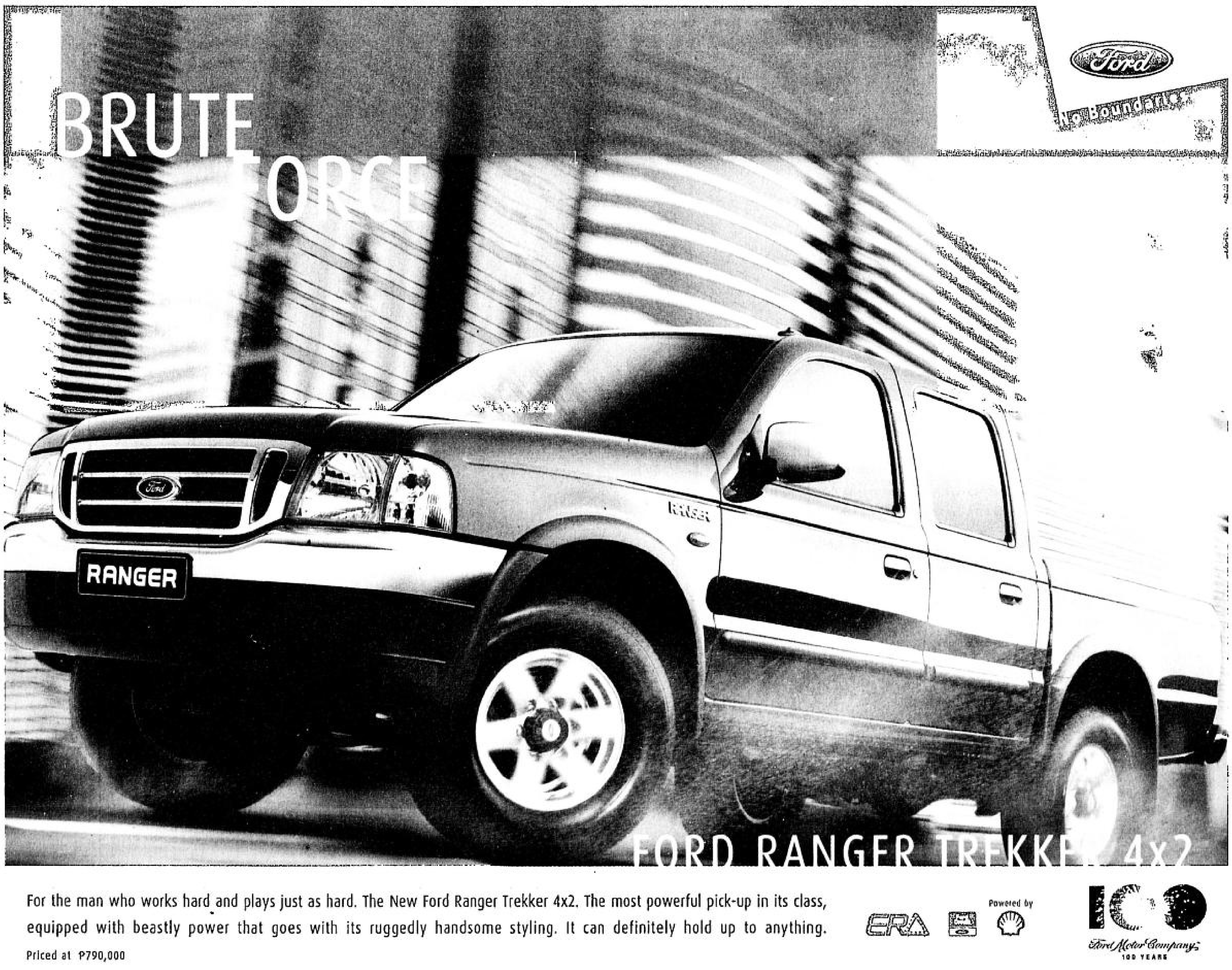
Although the theory was itself sketchy, it was the first time that an angle has been offered in the slay try after police drew up a list of suspects and added Go's assailants were hired killers.

Go, shot and hit twice in the face Tuesday morning, underwent a second operation Wednesday. He was conscious and in a stable condition yesterday, although he could communicate only by writing short messages after doctors ordered him to refrain from talking, mainly because one bullet shattered part of his tongue.

Go reportedly issued a statement from his bed at the St. Luke's Medical Center yesterday, but was said to have recalled it at the last minute.

Meanwhile, Go's 80-year-old mother reportedly begged for an end to insinuations that her son was attacked because of illegal activities.

The mother was said to have explained Go has been spending so much time in sports he does not have time for anything else, including his very own family.



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# Yao Ming gets Ewing as tutor

WASHINGTON—Chinese center Yao Ming has a new expert tutor–National Basketball Association legend Patrick Ewing.

Ewing reached a deal to be an assistant coach for the NBA's Houston Rockets here Wednesday just hours after being released from the final two months of his contract as an assistant coach with the NBA's Washington Wizards.

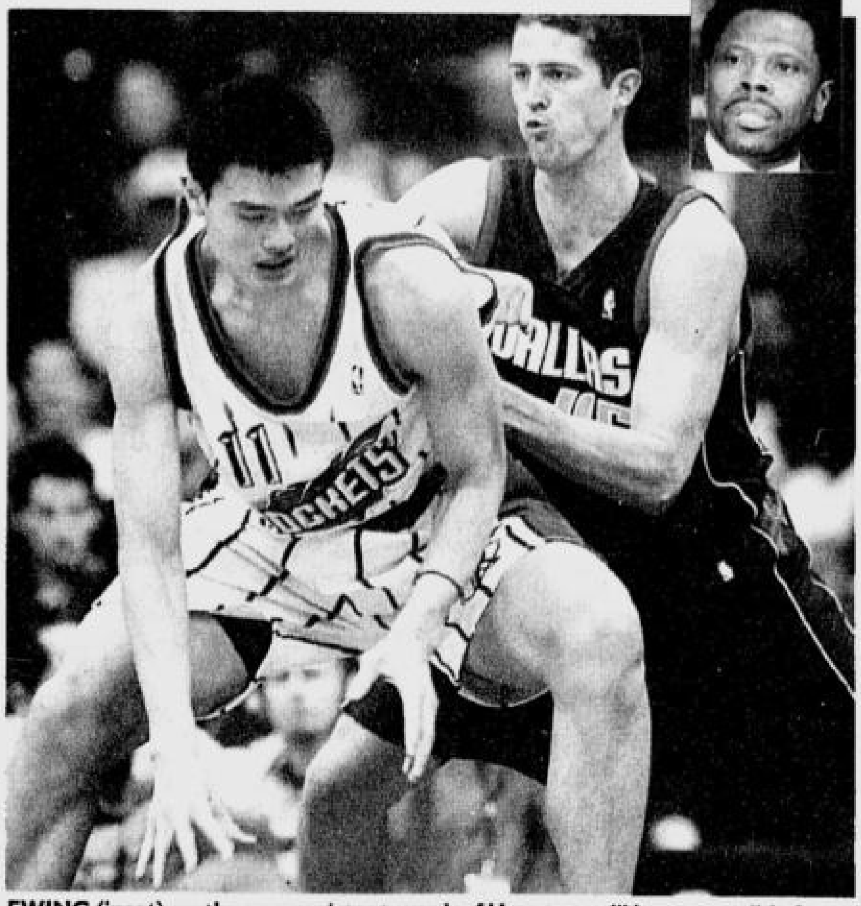
The Rockets, who became a playoff contender last season with 2.26-mete giant Yao in his first NBA season, hired Jeff Van Gundy as their coach last month, replacing Rudy Tomjanovich, who is still fighting off bladder cancer.

Van Gundy coached Ewing while both were with the New York Knicks and Ewing was a logical choice to serve as a mentor for Yao, teaching the 2002 top draft pick the lessons he has learned through 17 seasons of toiling in the NBA.

Holding career averages of 21.0 points, 9.8 rebounds and 2.45 blocks, Ewing stands as one of 13 players in NBA history with 20,000 career points and 10,000 career rebounds.

In NBA history, Ewing ranks 13th all-time with 24,815 points, 20th all-time with 11,607 rebounds and fifth all-time with 2,894 blocks.

"Patrick was one of the greatest centers to play the game and he will be an invaluable asset as a young assistant," Rockets general manager Carroll Dawson said.



**EWING (inset), as the new assistant coach of Houston, will be responsible for further developing Yao Ming who is shown at left working against Dallas Mavericks' Raef LaFrentz in this file photo.** AFP

After announcing his retirement last September, Ewing was lured to Washington by Michael Jordan to serve as an assistant coach for the first time.

But owner Abe Pollin split with Jordan in May, denying him the job of president of basketball operations that he had held before coming out of retirement to play for the Wizards.

The job Jordan wanted instead went to former Milwaukee Bucks executive Ernie Grunfeld on Monday.

Grunfeld served as Knicks' general manager from 1994 to 1999. *AFP*

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Only bids of pre-qualified bidders who participated in the pre-bid conference will be accepted and opened in the presence of the bidders or their authorized representatives on ***Wednesday, August 6, 2003 at exactly 2:00 p.m., 4th Floor Multi-Purpose Hall, SC.***

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June 25, 2003.

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# Manila Golf spoils Delariarte's debut

Group I: Eastridge 9, Manila Golf 8, Mimosa 3, Southwoods 3, Highlands 2
Group II: Alabang 7, Forest Hills 7, Valley 6, Wack Wack 3, Orchard 2, John Hay 1
Group III: Royal Northwoods 11, Canlubang 7, Mt. Malarayat 6, Riviera 6, Sherwood 4, Sta. Elena 1

DELARIARTE

MANOLING Chan and Philip Romualdez spoiled the debut of back-to-back national amateur champion Jerome Delariarte with a thrilling 1 up victory in bestball to cap Manila Golf Club's victory over Manila Southwoods, 2.5-1.5, in the Federation Golf League yesterday.

Chan and Romualdez won the last two holes against Delariarte and his partner Allan Joven in a pulsating duel that turned the match around for the defending champions at their home course.

Dennis Valdes also celebrated his birthday with a big win, joining Jojo Guingona in a 1 up conquest of Jun Jun Plana-Sonny Bitong in the scramble play.

JP Reyes and Joey Yujuico accounted for the needed draw in high-low where they fought with Jeric Hechanova and Seve Liao.

Southwoods averted what could have been a disastrous sweep by the same team which beat them for the crown last year in style.

Butch Brodette, teaming up with Florene delos Santos, denied the sweep bid of Manila Golf when he eagled the last hole to win the aggregate battle.

Manila Golf picked up its fourth win in five games for eight points to move within an arm's length of leading Eastridge (9) in Group I.

Royal Northwoods of Bulacan had earlier boosted its drive for one of the two automatic semifinals berths with a 3-1 victory over Sta. Elena last week.

Eastridge likewise stayed in the hunt for a stint in the Final Four after turning back Tagaytay Highlands, 2.5-1.5, in Group I.

# Marathon qualifying in T'garao Sunday

DEFENDING champions Rogie Baccay and Maricar Gammad will lead a field of more than 3,000 runners when Tuguegarao hosts the Cagayan regional qualifying race for the 27th National Milo Marathon this Sunday.

Known for having the most number of fascinating caves, including the famous Callao Cave, the Cagayan region hopes to be known for another reason this time, to produce the next national marathon champion.

The race will start at exactly 6 a.m. inside the Cagayan Sports Complex with the top three finishers in both the men's and women's divisions to represent the region in the Milo Marathon national finals set on Oct. 19 at the Quirino grandstand of the Luneta Park in Manila.

Local race organizer Rudy Ventura confirmed the participation of Baccay and Gammad even as he looked forward to surpassing last year's number of participants.

Meanwhile, national race organizer Rudy Biscocho said preparations are in full swing for the next two legs to be held in Tacloban City and Lipa City on July 13 and 20, respectively.

Biscocho also announced that the registration for the Metro Manila elimination scheduled July 27 is ongoing at the ground floor of the Vasquez Madrigal Building at 51 Annapolis St. in Greenhills, San Juan.

**SHOOTFEST WINNERS: Three directors of the Philippine Sportsmen Society won trophies in the Bolo Cup shootfest held recently in Langhaya, Antipolo Sports Valley & Armscor Range in Parang, Marikina. Danny de la Paz won the Shotgun Pump limited category, Nestor Abacan finished third in the Metallic Silhouette .22 cal. event and ruled the Turkey event, and Ray Cordova topped the Sporting Clay competition's senior division. In photo are Abacan, Perry Cleofas, Dick Diamat, Vic Bobares, Joel Gatchalian, Ray Cordova, Jess Santos, Jessen Lee, Ricardo de la Paz, Olet Tiongson and Danny Valentino.**

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# 'Diablo'

**SPECTATOR**

*Al S. Mendoza*

IF WE need to breast-beat a little, let's do it. It's been quite a while since we've scored this big in chess on the international scene.

It wasn't just a 1-2 finish. It was 1-2-3-4-5 for the Philippines in last week's Asian Chess Zonal in Vietnam. How about that for a change?

The last time I saw Filipinos finish 1-2 in the Asian Chess Zonal was in 1978. That was in Itoo, a mountaintop city in Japan. Torre and the late International Master Ruben Rodriguez tied for first but Torre lost the title in the tiebreak. Rodriguez was my roommate there for three weeks (I covered the event), but that's another story.

Never mind that our three grandmasters, Joey Antonio, Torre and Bong Villamayor, weren't 1-2-3 in Vietnam but were 3-4-5 instead. It was enough that the team's two babes, Ronald Dableo and Mark Paragua, finished 1-2. Spectacularly, if I may add.

The results spoke volumes of pride. Heroism.

For one, it proved that this country is not wanting in chess talent. Never was, I must insist.

For another, our players did well despite meager resources. Not since the days of Florencio Campomanes did our wood pushers really enjoy abundant support, financial or otherwise. The team that went to Vietnam barely had coffee money.

Dableo finished solo first, a no mean feat for someone who almost missed going to the battlefield. For that, I'm going to start calling him Ronald "Diablo" Dableo.

Do you know that Dableo had to muster enough courage in order to make it to Ho Chi Minh? That while the rest had virtually secured plane tickets to the Zonal, Dableo was still in the dark scrounging for fare money?

He had actually given up all hopes of making the trip, frustrated by his inability to amass enough logistics.

Dableo's journey to Vietnam was both a story of destiny and an enduring friendship.

Dableo had almost given up on the trip until Ric, Mark Paragua's father, came along to provide support. In the nick of time, Dableo made it, thanks mainly to Ric.

In Vietnam, Dableo, the Milo Checkmate champion, shared a room with Paragua.

It is said that necessity is the mother of invention. But add this to that: Friendship is being together through thick and thin. In Vietnam, Paragua shared his laptop with Dableo. As every chess player knows by now, a laptop has become a major tool for all chess players in the world.

They seemed fated for that 1-2 finish.

Paragua clinched a second-place tie with Antonio after the tournament. In the two-match playoff, Paragua prevailed, relegating Antonio to third ahead of Torre and Villamayor.

Dableo put a dash of drama to his victory. Losing to Antonio in the penultimate round, Dableo won his next and final match the following day to clinch the title.

For finishing 1-2, Dableo, who also earned an IM in the tournament, and Paragua, a GM candidate, will represent the country in the world championship in London next year. The last Filipino to earn that distinction was Antonio in the early '90s.

"I'm glad that our revitalized program continuously produced wondrous results," said Mat Defensor, president of the National Chess Federation of the Philippines. "Dableo's victory in Vietnam was another testament to that. And of course, Paragua finishing second completed the Philippines' coup de grace in the Zonal."

Indeed, every once in a while, a hero comes along.

From Cardoso to Naranja to Torre, from Antonio to Paragua to Dableo. The country teems with talent on many fronts, not only in chess but also in billiards (Bata and Django) and golf (Jennifer Rosales, Jayvee Agojo and Wolen Superal). The horizon is lined up with nameless faces just waiting to be tapped.

Chess, before Dableo came along, has been in dire straights.

Dableo, a blitz monster on the streets of the city, arrives at a time when we are scraping rock bottom. His coming should provide some spark to a discipline that is a surefire medal giver for the country but has now become, sadly, a dying sport.

While Dableo's Cinderella victory did the country proud once more, it should serve as a wakeup call not only to Defensor and his chief aide Sammy Estimo but also to corporations whose financial push had been badly needed all this time.

Where are the Ayalas, Gokongweis, Tans, Razons all these years?

Hey, Sir Mike, how about some crumbs for chess?

While Paragua is a whiz kid, having already tasted success as a junior player abroad with his father Ric literally begging for support from chess patrons, Dableo, obscure as a desert cactus until Vietnam, is an enigma just barely starting to hog the world stage.

It is said that Dableo has never owned a chess book. The one and only book on chess that he has set his eyes on was Bobby Fischer's "Best 60 Games." And that book was not his, did not become his; a friend just showed it to him when they were not yet 10 years old.

If true, then Dableo, 24, is a diamond in the rough. When finally polished, who knows he may yet become the next chess giant in Asia.

Any takers?

# Bata makes it 3 in a row, gains semis

By Dennis U. Eroa

BILLIARDS great Efren "Bata" Reyes stretched his winning run to three and became the first semifinalist in the On Cue 1st RP-Europe nine-ball tournament yesterday at the Loop Entertainment Center inside the Don Eugenio Lopez building in Quezon City.

The Filipino sporting hero started the day right when he trounced Dutchman Niels Feijen, 7-3, before returning two hours later to down European Cup titleholder Ralf Souquet, 7-5.

"I'm not playing good. My foes are simply playing bad," said Reyes, the second Filipino sportsman–after bowler Paeng Nepomuceno–to receive the honor.

Nicknamed the Kaiser, Souquet suffered his first loss of the series after beating Warren Kiamco, 7-4, and edging Antonio Lining, 7-6, respectively.

Reyes, a former World nine-ball titleholder, played flawlessly in trouncing Feijen, a member of the European team in the prestigious Mosconi Cup.

He started his campaign with a 7-2 demoliton of Sweden's Marcus Chamat last Wednesday.

Actually, Reyes' opening-day win was the saving grace for the RP team as his three compatriots–Django Bustamante, Lining and Warren Kiamco–all lost to their respective foes.

Bustamante squandered a 5-2 lead and bowed to Feijen, 6-7; Mika Immonen whipped Lining, 7-4; while Ralf Souquet beat an erratic Kiamco, 7-4.

Bustamante rebounded by whipping Chamat, 7-4, for a 1-1 tally. Kiamco lost his second straight game as he bowed to Finland's Mika Immonen, 7-3, and joined Lining in the cellar with two straight losses.

The top two players from each group advance to the semifinals, which starts on Saturday. The eliminations uses the alternate break, race-to-7 format, while the alternate-break, race to 11 format will be applied in the semifinals.

Winners of the semifinals will advance to the championship which is a race-to-13 affair.

Reyes did not disappoint the hometown crowd. With his superb pocketing and safeties, he broke a 2-2 tie and soared to a 6-3 lead.

Organized by Puyat Sports and supported by ABS-CBN, the championship offers $15,000 to the first placer with the runner-up getting $10,000. The third and fourth placers will pocket $5,000 and $3,000, respectively.

**REYES** shows deadly form. PDI PHOTO

## Most applauded move

AS THE crowd roared, Efren "Bata" Reyes made his most applauded move after toying with Dutchman Niels Feijen yesterday in the On Cue Ist RP-Europe nine-ball billiards tournament.

Reyes,flashing his trademark smile, just couldn't say no as the fans shouted "kiss, kiss" in unison.

The object of the crowd's attention was the tournament scorer, a captivating lady named Angelina Halili, a very good cue artist and former member of the national team.

Halili, in an all-black outfit, had approached Reyes to get his signature on the scoresheet.

Ever accommodating and maybe unable to resist Halili's charm, Reyes planted a kiss on the scorer's cheek."I had do it," said a smiling Reyes later.

*Dennis Eroa*

# Buenavista, Lozada vie in weekly relays

THE COUNTRY'S top tracksters will see action in the Colgate Weekly Relays starting tomorrow at the Rizal track oval.

Southeast Asian Games campaigners Eduardo "Vertek" Buenavista, John Lozada, Ernie Candelario, Joebert Delicano, Fidel Gallenero and Lerma Bulauitan Gabito are among those seeing action.

Also set to strut their stuff are national team members Marestella Torres, the 2003 Milo National Open long jump champion; sprint winner Ralph Waldy Soguilon, Reselyn Hamero, Geralyn Amandoron, Rene Herrera, Mary Grace Melgar, Dandy Gallenero and Roberto Fresnido.

Considered as one of the spawning grounds of national pool prospects, the Colgate Weekly Relays, on its 18th year, will be another basis for the performance trials of tracksters going to the 2003 Vietnam SEA Games.

Patafa secretary general Ben Silva-Netto said the Saturday weekly contests, which will conclude in November, will help measure just how physically and mentally prepared members of the national team are.

Silva-Netto said some national marks may be broken like what PAF enlisted man Arnel Ferrera did last year. Ferrera, a bronze medalist in the 2001 Kuala Lumpur Games, broke his national record in the hammer throw with a heave of 52.51 meters to surpass his old 52.14 mark during the preceding national open.

Patafa president Go Teng Kok, who is recuperating from a bullet wound inflicted by an assassin in a failed slay try Tuesday, sent word through Silva-Netto to express his thanks to the CSF for continuing the annual foot races started during the incumbency of the late Gov. and POC president Jose Sering in 1985.

More than 2,400 athletes from Metro Manila schools, the AFP and athletic clubs from as far as La Union, Bulacan and Pampanga took part in the relays last year.

Patafa is expecting to eclipse this number this season considering the interest fanned by the staging of the Manila Asian Grand Prix where Gabito won the long jump gold and $5500 in prize money last month.

# Yu rules executive chessfest

MANUEL Yu topped the Elite section of the 4th leg of the Philippine Executive Active Chess Express or Peace 2003 held recently at the Land Bank Plaza in Malate.

Yu of Risk Saver and Edwin Lorenzo of Manly Plastic Inc. both got 4 points, but Yu won in the tiebreak.

Richard Villaseran of J. Walter Thompson ruled the Classic section with 4.5 points. The five-round Swiss system event was organized by Active Chess Center of Asia Inc. (Acca) with the support of Belgosa Media Systems Inc. and Land Bank.

Sharing second to fourth spots in the Classic section with 4 points each were Christopher Castellano, Abraham Dalagan and Angelito Camer. Lawyer Berlin Berba tied with Jun Rojano, Orlando Pascual and Jericho Bragado at 3.5 points.

Ravel Canlas, who also topped the 2nd leg on April 26, prevailed over top seed Jenny Mayor.

# Water polo tilt set

AGE group water polo championships featuring the Philippine Amateur Swimming Association's 3-on-3 and 5-on-5 events will be staged July 12-13 at the RECS swimming pool in RECS Village, Barangay Bubukal, Sta. Cruz, Laguna. More than 200 age group water polo players from different clubs, schools and the Armed Forces of the Philippines are expected to see action.

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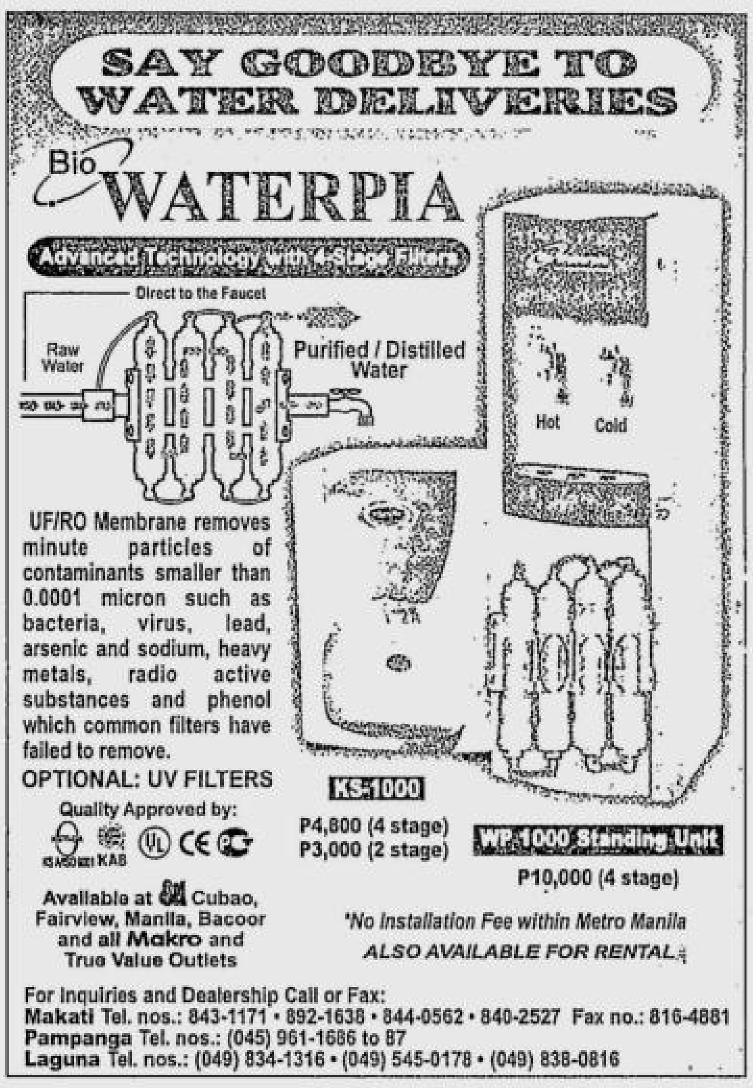

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# Tigers shoot for 2-0 lead

By June Navarro

**GAMES TODAY** (Araneta Coliseum)
5 p.m.—Shell vs Purefoods*
7:30 p.m.—Coca-Cola vs Talk N Text
(Game 2, Finals) *start of five-team single-round robin for sixth and last slot to the Asian Invitationals
Game 1—Coca-Cola d. Talk N Text, 93-79

**COCA-COLA expects a lot of surprises from Talk N Text when it shoots for a 2-0 lead in the Samsung-PBA All Filipino Cup Finals today at the Araneta Coliseum.**

But the defending champion Tigers already have an inkling of the kind of adjustment the Phone Pals will make in Game 2 of their best-of-seven championship series at 7 p.m.

"We have to sit down with the coaching staff and figure out other ways of stopping Talk N Text from passing the ball to Asi (Taulava) at the post," said Coca-Cola coach Chot Reyes moments after taking Game 1 Wednesday night via a 93-79 rout of the Phone Pals.

Shell and Purefoods clash earlier at 5 p.m. to kick off the five-team,single-round series to decide the sixth and final slot to the PBA Asian Invitationals starting late this month.

Alaska, Sta.Lucia Realty and Ginebra San Miguel are the other teams involved in the series.

Taulava, supposed to be unstoppable inside the paint, only had few touches of the ball as the Tigers either ganged up on him or pressured the passer.

"I expect Asi to assert himself more.

I look forward to Talk N Text creating some more plays to get the ball to him," said Reyes.

Talk N Text coach Joel Banal is indeed worried about the ball distribution to Asi.

"We have to make some adjustments in getting the ball to Asi. But more importantly, we should learn when to give him the ball and when not to," said Banal, who is seeking his first PBA title.

The change in venue should be a welcome development for Talk N Text, which complained of the sweltering heat at the Cuneta Astrodome.

Reyes admitted the Phone Pals were affected more by the oven-hot athmosphere in Game 1. "It was very hot, but the good thing was it didn't affect our shooting," he said.

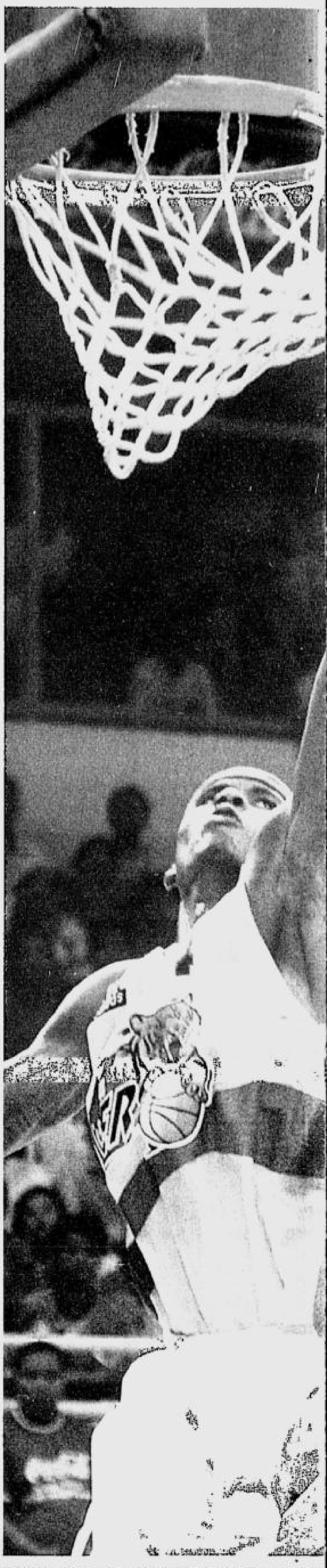
Rafi Reavis, Rudy Hatfield and Poch Juinio also joined hands in putting the cuffs on Asi.

"There's no secret to our defense. It's all straight up and we make it as simple as it can be. We put pressure on the ballhandler, passer to the post and low-post plays that made it difficult for them to operate," said Reyes.

Jeffrey Cariaso, Ato Morano and Hatfield accounted for half of the Tigers' points but it was Johnny Abarrientos, touted in the last decade as the best point guard in the land, who made the most crucial plays in the game.

Abarrientos didn't help much in scoring but he defended well against Jimmy Alapag.

"I tried to pressure him from the start and see what's going to happen. The instruction of coach Chot turned out to be a stroke of genius because most of the time the ball failed to reach the hands of Asi," said Abarrientos in Tagalog.


**RAFI Reavis (left) and Rudy Hatfield of Coca Cola b**

STEAMY CUNETA

## Poor way to host the PBA Finals

THEY were trying their best to sell the PBA All Filipino Cup Finals but grim-faced league officials ended up apologizing after spectators had to agonize through hot, choking conditions inside the Cuneta Astrodome as Talk N Text and Coca-Cola slugged it out in Game One of the title series on Wednesday.

Spectators, at least those brave enough to stay, had to grab for fans due to the failure of the Cuneta Astrodome to fix the airconditioning system inside the venue.

The air was so humid that even Coca-Cola coach Chot Reyes couldn't resist throwing a brickbat as soon as he entered the cool pressroom of the Astrodome after the Coca-Cola Tigers won, 93-79.

``It sure was very, very hot out there," said Reyes, his shirt drenched in sweat.

PBA media bureau chief Willie Marcial said the Astrodome's administrator, Dr. Leto Mangonon, promised to fix the airconditioning as soon as possible.

Marcial said only four of the six airconditioning machines installed at the ceiling of the Astrodome were working.

Members of the print media covering the Finals also had a nightmarish time as they scambled and fought for telephone lines inside the facility.

Marcial said Mangonon had promised three telephone lines for the media but could only come up with a one, the reason for the mad scramble as the beleaguered scribes also agonized to beat the deadline.

The Talk N Text-Coca-Cola championship series is scheduled to return to the Astrodome for a possible Game Six on July 13.

As things stand at the Cuneta Astrdome, it would indeed be a blessing if the Finals end in five.

*June Navarro*

ALL FILIPINO
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**JOHNNY Abarrientos (right) of Coca Cola Tigers drives to the basket against TNT defenders.**
ERNIE U. SARMIENTO

**ALASKA's Jon Ordonio, Miguel Noble and Rob Duat rejoice after receiving the Aces' third place trophy.**
ERNIE U. SARMIENTO

FREE AGENT

## Duncan staying with Spurs

SAN ANTONIO, Texas,—Tim Duncan became a free agent here on Tuesday but is not thinking about signing with any club other than the San Antonio Spurs - the team he led to the National Basketball Association title.

The two-time NBA Most Valuable Player and NBA Finals MVP elected not to exercise an option in his current four-year contract to ensure he would stay with the champion Spurs.

But Lon Babby, Duncan's agent, said the seven-foot forward has no plans to sign anywhere else.

"He will enter into discussions with the Spurs as soon as he is able," Babby told the San Antonio Express-News. "Tim intends to re-sign with the Spurs once the details of a long-term deal can be finalized." Duncan, 27, is expected to receive a seven-year contract worth 122 million dollars, the maximum the Spurs can spend to re-sign him and more than any other club could offer.

Clubs became able to open talks with free agents on Tuesday under NBA rules, which also stipulate that no contracts can be signed until July 16.

The Spurs have 16 million dollars to spend in the free agency market with the retirement of center David Robinson.

"I'm excited, but also a little nervous," Spurs general manager R.C. Buford said.

"We have controlled what we can control, but a lot of the things that happen from now on are no longer under our control." New Jersey guard Jason Kidd, Indiana forward Jermaine O'Neal and Los Angeles Clippers forward Elton Brand are atop the Spurs' wish list.

Kidd has said he plans to visit San Antonio this week. He hungers for a title and could save money in Texas over staying in New Jersey because of tax law differences between the states.

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**GAMES TODAY** (Rizal Memorial Coliseum)
11:30 a.m.—UPHR vs San Sebastian (jrs/srs)
4 p.m.—PCU vs CSB (srs/jrs)

## *Preview of NCAA champion*

By June Navarro

THIS is one match worth watching just three days into the young NCAA basketball season.

Tournament favorites San Sebastian College and University of Perpetual Help-Rizal offer a glimpse of what the 79th NCAA Finals could look like when they clash today at the Rizal Memorial Coliseum.

The defending champion Stags and the Altas, who had a massive buildup in the off-season, meet at 1:15 p.m. for the early solo lead.

Tailenders College of St. Benilde and Philippine Christian University tangle in the other seniors match at 4 p.m.

Leomar Najorda, last year's Finals MVP, Nicole Uy, Michael Gonzales, Vicente Redentor, Chris Baluyot and the 6-foot-7 Pep Moore will lead the attack for San Sebastian coach Turo Valenzona, who is seeking a "three-peat"

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ttle for the rebound against Taulava of Talk N Text in Game I of the All Filipino finals.

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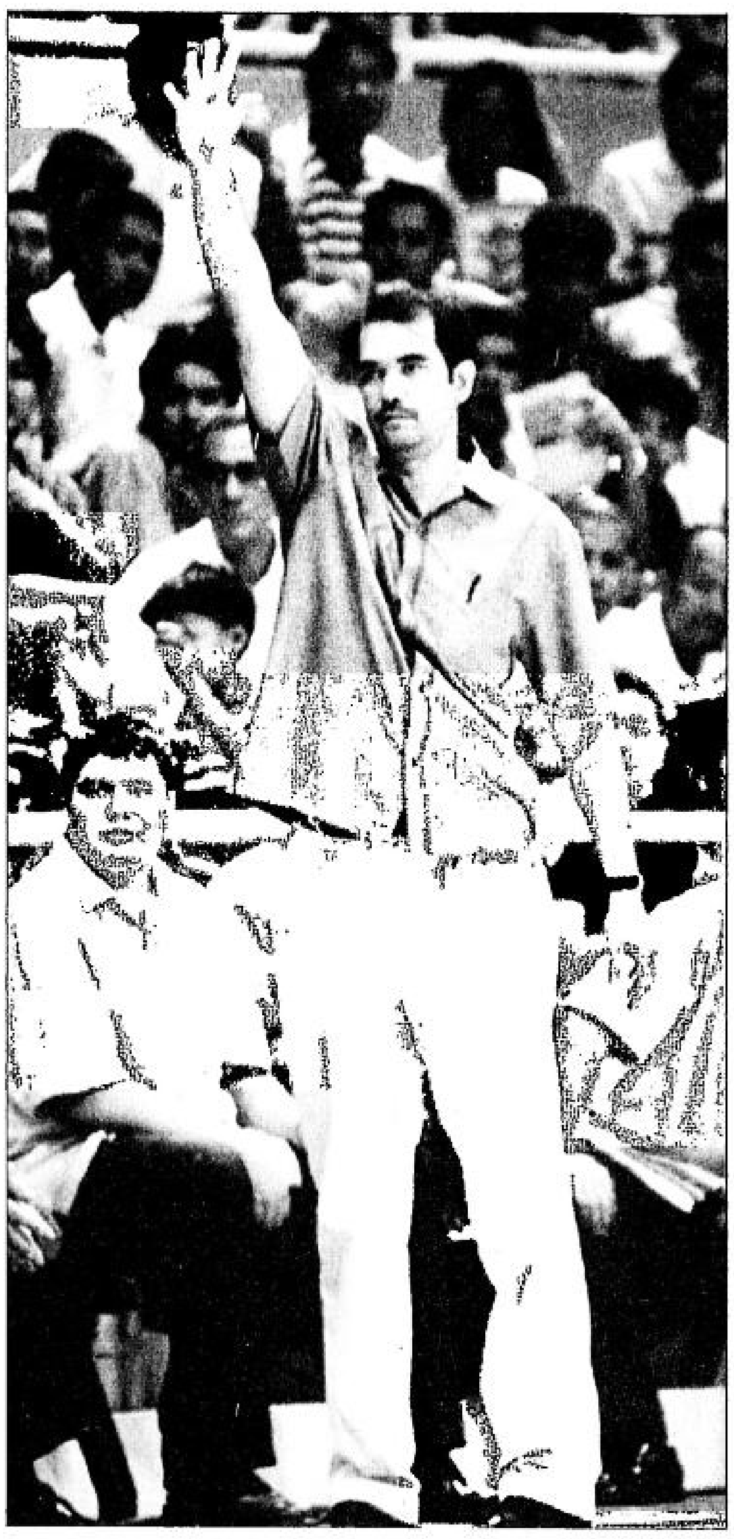
# Shell vs Purefoods kicks off qualifying



**BANAL:** We have to make some adjustments. AUGUST DELA CRUZ

THE QUALIFYING phase of the PBA Mabuhay Cup starts today with Shell and Purefoods seeing action.

The Shell-Purefoods clash serves as the appetizer for Game Two of the Samsung PBA All-Filipino Cup finals, kicking off a single-round eliminations for the 10th and last Mabuhay Cup spot among the teams that finished in the bottom half of the All-Filipino eliminations.

The winner of the mini-tournament joins Red Bull, Coca-Cola, Talk N Text, San Miguel Beer, FedEx, South Korean entry Yonsei University, Chinese club team Jilin Yiqi Tigers, Yugoslavian junior team and the Philippine national team in the Mabuhay Cup slated July 27 to August 22.

Other teams seeing action in the qualifying phase are Barangay Ginebra as well as Alaska and Sta. Lucia, which both made the Final Four of the Samsung All-Filipino Cup but weren't among the top five teams in its elimination round.

Under the tournament format, the team with the best record at the end of one round gets the Mabuhay Cup spot. Ties will be broken via the quotient system.

A team, composed of players standing 6-foot-5 and below and formed by basketball agent Sam Unera, also wanted to join the Invitationals.

# Ford signs $7.7-M deal

MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin—T.J. Ford signed a four-year, 7.7 million-dollar National Basketball Association contract with the Milwaukee Bucks on Wednesday, becoming the first 2003 first-round NBA Draft pick to sign.

Bucks general manager Larry Harris made the deal one day after replacing Ernie Grunfeld, who took a similar post with the Washington Wizards.

"T.J. is a very exciting young player who we feel has a great NBA career ahead of him," Harris said. "His quickness allows him to push the ball up the court and open up opportunities for himself and his teammates." The guard left the University of Texas after his sophomore season and was selected eighth overall in last week's draft. Speed figures to be Ford's edge. *AFP*

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"They (the Stags) have the experience and cohesiveness, so it's not going to be easy playing against them," said Cristobal.

Curiously, both teams were on the opposite poles of the standings last year, with the Stags winning the crown and the Altas ending up dead last at 1-13.

The Altas said there's no other way for them but up and they showed this right away when they upset on the Blazers, 76-69, on opening day.

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## In the news

A serving of 7 questions, from easiest to toughest, each with a corresponding point value. Can you score a perfect 100 (or, at least, beat the other 'sports genius/geniuses' beside you)?

1 > 3 Pts.
o True / o False: In the Lennox Lewis-Vitali Klitschko heavyweight clash, the Ukrainian was leading on all three judges' scorecards when the fight was stopped after six rounds because of a severe cut over the challenger's left eye.

2 > 5 Pts.
Which team captured the Sunkist PBL Unity Cup by winning the fifth and deciding game, 64-62?
o Hapee Toothpaste
o Viva Mineral Water

3 > 7 Pts.
For about how much did Manchester United sell soccer icon David Beckham to Real Madrid?
o $41 million
o $55 million
o $67 million

4 > 10 Pts.
Which European city hosted the International Special Olympics, which initially banned athletes from SARS-hit countries (including the Philippines)?
o Dublin (Ireland)
o Brussels (Belgium)
o Munich (Germany)

5 > 20 Pts.
At the Giant Eagle Classic in Vienna, Ohio, Jennifer Rosales of the Philippines figured in a dramatic four-way playoff won by:
o Annika Sorenstam (Sweden)
o Lorrie Kane (USA)
o Rachel Teske (Australia)
o Grace Park (S. Korea)

6 > 25 Pts.
Who upset Tim Montgomery-the world's fastest man--the finals of the 100 meters at the US Track and Field Championships in Palo Alto, California, with a time of 10.11 seconds?
o Maurice Greene
o Jon Drummond
o Bernard Williams
o Tyree Washington

7 > 30 Pts.
At Wimbledon, Lleyton Hewitt of Australia became the first defending champion in the Open era to crash out of the opening round when he lost (6-1, 6-7, 3-6, 4-6) to Croatian qualifier Ivo Karlovic, who happens to be the tallest player in tournament history. How tall?

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# Dableo discovers power of computer

## *How the Asian Zonal champ sharpens his analytical skills*

By Roy Luarca

RONALD Dableo used to believe that playing games is the best way to improve his chess skills.

Now, he swears by the power of the computer.

"*Malaking tulong talaga ang* computer. One click *lang may* idea *ka na sa* games *ng makakalaban mo* (The computer is a big help. Just a click and you get an idea of your rival)," said Dableo, winner of the recent Asian Zonal 3.2a championship in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

"Reading books is time consuming" said Dableo. "I'm lucky I had Mark (Paragua) as a roommate in Vietnam. He was a big influence in my decision to rely more on computers."

Dableo is already looking forward to the handing over by the Philippine Sports Commission of five computers to the National Chess Federation of the Philippines.

"I need a computer to pursue my grandmaster title," said Dableo, the 1998 national junior champion.

The 24-year-old Dableo, a member of the Philippine Air Force Special Service Group, earned his international master title and obtained a grandmaster result in topping the Asian Zonal. He and Paragua, who finished second, gained slots to the 2004 world championships set in Minorca, Spain.

> 'Just a click and you get an idea of your rival'

"*Habang mainit ang makina, kailangan tuloy-tuloy ang takbo,*" said Dableo as he compared himself to a well-oiled, smooth-running machine.

Dableo said the NCFP is seeking the help of PSC chair Eric Buhain regarding his planned European campaign. He is also hoping that Shell, as the sponsor of the last national open which he won, would also offer assistance.

"I hope I can play in Europe by July 15," said Dableo, who has a five-month-old daughter Jaina, by wife, Tara Jade Aurelio, also a chess player from UNO-R in Bacolod City.

Apart from his GM title, Dableo is also bent on finishing his studies at San Sebastian College, which he powered to several NCAA chess crowns.

"*Itutuloy ko talaga ang studies ko para di nakakahiya sa pamilya ng misis ko,*" (I want to finish my studies so my wife's family can be proud of me)," said Dableo, who just needs a semester to complete his BS Management course.

After taking a liking to computers, Dableo is also learning to love books.

**NEWLY INSTALLED** International Master Ronald Dableo (above) says he's fortunate to have GM-candidate Mark Paragua (inset) as roommate. The two finished 1-2 in the Asian Zonal in Vietnam.

# Pampanga takes on Taguig five

**GAMES TODAY**
*(Bren Z. Guiao Convention Center)*
3 p.m.—Air Philippines-Bacolod vs. Spring Oil-Bulacan
5 p.m.—Forward Taguig vs. Pampanga Bulls

THE PAMPANGA Bulls already have Dave Bautista and Billy Bansil to man the boards, they have shooters as well as slashers. What they need is a guard who can both orchestrate the plays and light up the charts.

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| Ozamiz | 3 | 3 |
| Bulacan | 2 | 8 |
| Bacolod | 1 | 5 |

Enter Ariel Garcia, a mercurial playmaker from the defunct MBA.

Pampanga coach Alan Trinidad is hoping Garcia would be able to complement the inside production of Bautista and Bansil when the Bulls take on Forward Taguig at 5 p.m. today when the National Basketball League resumes at the Governor Bren Z. Guiao Convention Center in San Fernando City, Pampanga.

The Bulls subdued MayniLa, 87-82, in overtime on June 29 to level their win-loss slate at 4-4. *Roy Luarca*

## SPORTS noodle

ANSWERS

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1. True (58-56 on all cards)
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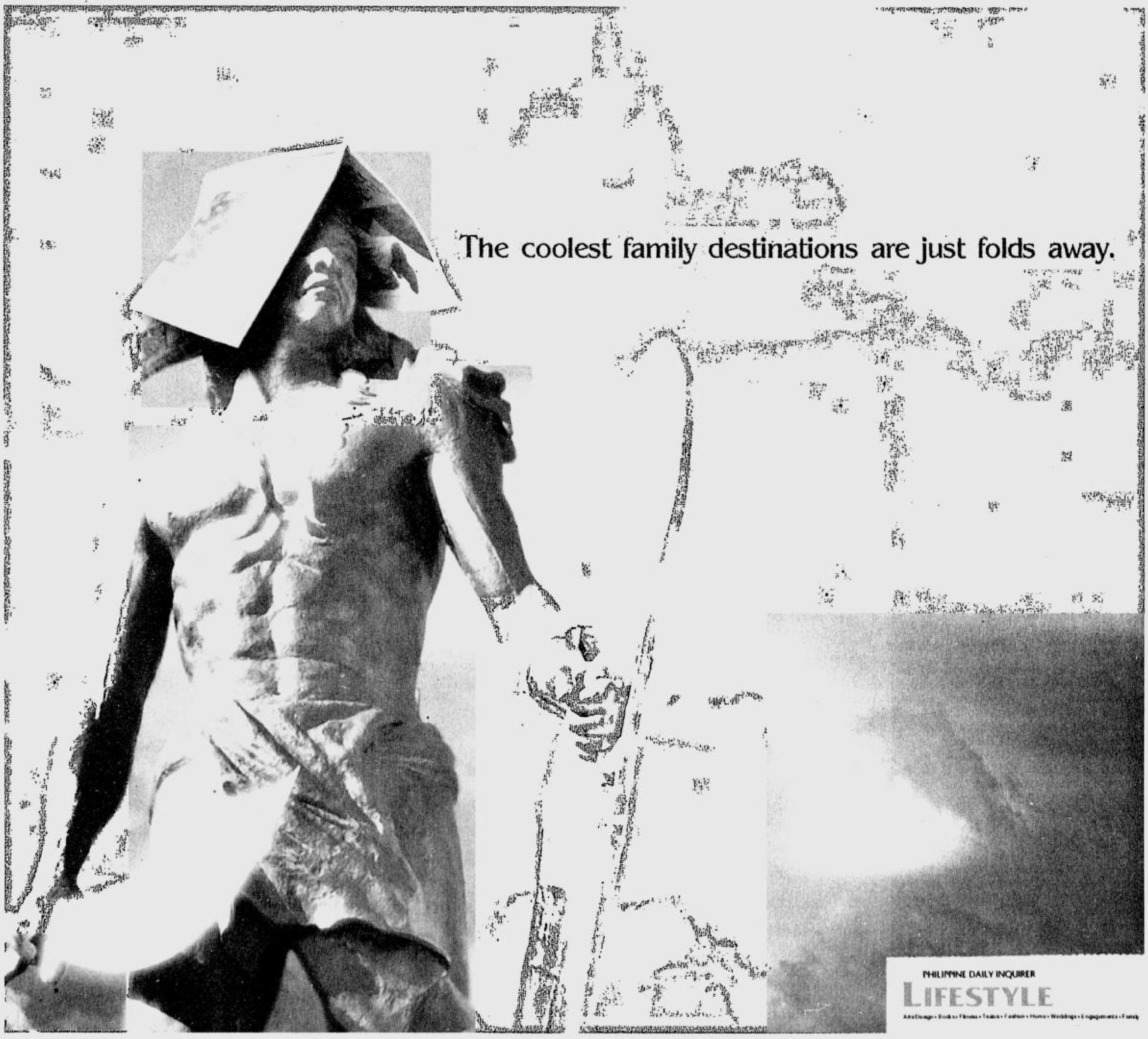
3. $41 million
4. Dublin (Ireland)
5. Rachel Teske (Australia)
6. Bernard Williams
7. 6-foot-10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# Seething in the rain

## *Henman suffers with fans as storm disrupts Wimbledon*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Mark Philippoussis celebrates winning the fourth set against Alexander Popp. Last British hope Tim Henman (left) struggles against Sebastien Grosjean. AFP

WIMBLEDON, England—It was a long day for Wimbledon fans, and a frustrating one for their favorite player, Tim Henman. But for Mark Philippoussis, it could have been worse.

Philippoussis endured three rain delays and erased a two-set deficit Wednesday before dampness and darkness forced the suspension of his quarterfinal match against Alexander Popp.

Play was scheduled to resume Thursday with the unseeded Philippoussis serving and holding a two-point lead, 4-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, 2-2, 30-0.

The No. 10-seeded Henman, trying to become the first Englishman to win Wimbledon since 1936, trailed No. 13 Sebastien Grosjean 7-6 (8), 3-6, 6-3, 1-2. Henman rallied from a 5-1 deficit in the opening set and held four set points in the tiebreaker but couldn't convert them.

Outside Centre Court, on the terrace nicknamed Henman Hill, thousands of fans followed the match—and delays—on a huge television screen.

"We had thunder and lightning at one point, and the British don't move," said Bill Henry of Bath. "We just sat there and suffered. Watching Henman, we're suffering anyway."

Still, fans wanted to see the finish. The Centre Court crowd groaned when tournament referee Alan Mills halted play for the final time.

"It's too slippery, and there's fading light," Mills told the chair umpire and players. "That's it for tonight."

The unseeded Philippoussis, who tied a tournament record with 46 aces in his fourth-round upset of Andre Agassi, had 26 against Popp when play was stopped. Philippoussis is trying to overcome a two-set deficit for the fourth time in his career.

The other quarterfinals were postponed until Thursday. No. 5 Andy Roddick was scheduled to play unseeded Jonas Bjorkman, and No. 4 Roger Federer was to play No. 8 Sjeng Schalken.

The postponement was a break for Schalken, giving him an extra day to recover from an infection in his left foot.

"I'm really glad that we play in England," Schalken said. "I'm very happy it rained today, because today I would have had to play with injections. My foot is getting better for sure."

While Henman didn't welcome the rain, he has dealt with it before. He lost to eventual 2001 champion Goran Ivanisevic 7-5, 6-7 (6), 0-6, 7-6 (5), 6-3 in a match that took three days. That was one of Henman's four semifinal defeats since 1998.

If he's eliminated by Grosjean, Henman will look back ruefully on their first set.

Three consecutive passing shots for winners helped Grosjean break serve en route to a 4-1 lead. Then came an hour-long delay.

Play resumed for 41/2 minutes, long enough for Henman to lose his serve again to make it 5-1. Then came more rain.

When sunshine broke through, fans roared. Henman mounted a comeback, and the cheers became even louder.

He broke serve twice, the second time by winning four consecutive points. When he held serve for 5-5, fans waved Union Jacks.

Among those watching on Henman Hill were American Ashley Brown and her Australian boyfriend, Oliver Cartmel, who live in England. *AP*

# *Lewis wants Klitschko, not Jones*

NEW YORK—World heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis said on Wednesday he preferred a rematch with Vitali Klitschko to a big money bout with Roy Jones Jr.

Following a bloody sixth-round technical knockout of Klitschko two weeks ago in Los Angeles, Lewis was expected to turn his attention toward a much hyped fight with Jones.

One-time middleweight Jones captured the imagination of the boxing public last March when he defeated John Ruiz to claim the WBA heavyweight title.

But in a surprise move Lewis said negotiations for a rematch with Klitschko, a German-based Ukrainian, were already underway with Dec. 6 the most likely date for the bout.

"I'm opting more for the rematch," said Lewis. "I enjoyed that fight.

"It was just a fight, we just went at it. I felt I was in good shape.

"You have to realize a year's layoff to be able to comeback and take a fight in basically 10 days notice and do that to his eye . . . it may look like I was tired but he was just as tired."

One possible roadblock for a rematch is the condition of Klitschko's left eye.

The Ukrainian required over 50 stitches to close gashes above and below the battered eye that ultimately resulted in the fight being stopped.

"We want our own independent doctor to go there and check the eye and if he will be available," said Lewis. *Reuters*

# Tiger vocal on question of 'hot' equipment

LEMONT, Illinois—The PGA Tour's decision to start testing for illegal equipment is a good first step, Tiger Woods says. But he wishes more could be done.

"The PGA Tour has taken a step in the right direction and I'm happy about that," Woods said Wednesday after playing a pro-am at the Western Open. "It's just a matter of making sure that the game is preserved, it's policed.

Tour commissioner Tim Finchem announced Tuesday that beginning in January, a portable device will be available at all tour stops so players can measure the springlike effect of their drivers, letting them know for sure if they're "hot" or not.

Thanks to technological advances, golf has seen monstrous leaps in distance in recent years. But some golfers —Woods included—are worried that technology is crossing the legal line.

At issue is a physics term called the "coefficient of restitution" (COR), which measures how quickly a golf ball springs off the face of a club at impact. When the face is ultra thin, it allows for more of a trampoline effect.

Golf's ruling bodies last year set the limit at 0.83 for professional tours.

"You'll see a difference in how the ball flies," Woods said of non-conforming drivers. "And you'll see the difference in how the guy is able to shape the golf ball." *AP*

VICTORY, DEFEAT: Canadians whoop it up in Vancouver, while Koreans show grief in Seoul. AFP

# Vancouver gets 2010 Winter Games

PRAGUE, Czech Republic—The Olympics are returning to North America in 2010, to a scenic Pacific coast city beneath snow-capped mountains.

By a mere three votes, Vancouver was selected Wednesday as the host of the Winter Games, taking the Olympics to Canada for the first time since 1988 and perhaps hurting New York's bid for the 2012 Games.

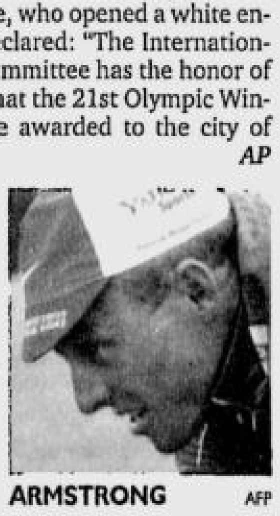
"It was a photo finish," Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien said. "That's what is so great about sport. But winning is winning. I just want to guarantee everybody that it will be a great success."

The vote was closer than expected, with outsider Pyeongchang, South Korea, nearly pulling off an upset in the first round of secret balloting by International Olympic Committee members.

With a simple majority needed for victory, Pyeongchang got 51 votes in the first round, followed by Vancouver with 40 and Salzburg with 16. But Vancouver picked up Salzburg's votes in the next round and defeated Pyeongchang 56-53.

The words that Canada had waited to hear came from IOC president Jacques Rogge, who opened a white envelope and declared: "The International Olympic Committee has the honor of announcing that the 21st Olympic Winter Games are awarded to the city of Vancouver." *AP*

# Ullrich clear threat to Armstrong



ARMSTRONG AFP

PARIS—The return to the Tour de France of Germany's Jan Ullrich, the 1997 winner and four times runner-up, means defending champion Lance Armstrong could have some serious opposition this year.

The Tour, which starts on Saturday, could also be a chance for cycling fans to discover a new Ullrich, made tougher by past mistakes at the age of 29.

A year ago, the Tour was rocked by news that the gifted German had failed a dope test for amphetamines. Ullrich added a six-month suspension to a long injury lay-off and had plenty of time to think about his future.

The rider who many had expected to win again after his 1997 triumph has had to be content with adding an Olympic title. *Reuters*

# Halladay makes it 12 as Jays snap losing skid

DETROIT—Roy Halladay worked seven innings for his 12th straight victory to lead the Toronto Blue Jays to an 8-2 win over the lowly Detroit Tigers in the American League Wednesday.

The Jays, also helped by Carlos Delgado's two homers, ended a four-game breakdown to hand the Tigers their 62nd loss of the season.

All-Star Game frontrunner Delgado took loser Adam Bernero (1-12) deep in the first inning before adding a second solo blast in the fifth, giving him a major league-best 28 home runs and 91 RBI on the season.

He became the ninth player in MLB history to drive in 90-plus runs before the All-Star break. The mid-season record of 103 was set by Hank Greenberg in 1935.

Teammate Vernon Wells knocked in four more runs to give him 80 RBI for the season. Halladay (12-2) allowed nine hits while striking out three to notch the victory.

"It's always big to get runs early," Halladay told reporters. "I tried to keep them quiet after that."

In Oakland, Joel Pineiro tossed eight innings of three-hit ball to help the Seattle Mariners crush the Athletics 13-0.

Pineiro (9-5) struck out six while walking three. Bret Boone had the hot bat, doubling and singling to plate two of the first three Seattle runs.

Ted Lilly (5-7) took the loss, lasting 4 2/3 innings.

In Anaheim, John Lackey tossed his first major league shutout as the Angels beat the Texas Rangers 5-0.

Lackey (6-7) went all the way, allowing four hits while striking out a career-high eight.

Tim Salmon took loser Joaquin Benoit (3-4) deep with a man aboard to score two runs. It was the 51st loss of the season for Texas.

In Chicago, Frank Thomas's second homer of the game with newly acquired Roberto Alomar aboard gave the White Sox an 8-6 extra-inning victory over the Minnesota Twins which completed a three-game series sweep. *Reuters*

## US WOMEN'S OPEN

# J-Ro seeks more good fortune

**By Jong Arcano**

PORTLAND, Oregon—Go J-Ro!

When the 58th edition of the US Women's Open fires off here Thursday (Friday in Manila), a small but animated group will be yelling out that name as Jenny Rosales joins the chase for the biggest prize money ever staked on the LPGA Tour.

A center of attention because of her flashy multi-colored outfits, J-Ro is also having a spectacular season with four Top 10 finishes topped by a four-way tie for second in the Giant Eagle.

She enters the $3.1 million event offering $510,000 to the winner as one of the players to watch in the same level as the Youth Brigade led by 13-year-olds Michelle Wie and Sydney Burlison are being touted as possible title threats.

While there is as much enthusiasm on the title-retention bid of American Julie Inkster vis-à-vis the drive for redemption of Swede icon Annika Sorenstam who missed the cut here last year, the Open is for everybody to win.

The Witch Hollow course of the Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club has already lived up to its scary name in the last three days as the players found a course with ankle-deep roughs and landing areas that require a lot more than skill. The first time she played it Tuesday, Rosales found it hard to describe the conditions of the course because, as a member of the J-Ro entourage said in jest, she hardly saw any fairway.

The course must be taken seriously though, according to Rosales.

"It's tough to recover from a bad drive and we should expect a tough week ahead," said Rosales, who tied for 12th in her 2000 debut, missed the cut the following year before bagging a huge payoff for placing seventh last year.

Rosales, endorsing the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. and American Eye Center, is hoping her streak of good fortune in the majors would hold this week. She had finished ninth in the Kraft Nabisco and tied for 11th in the McDonald's Championship.

Bong Lopez, Jenny's swing coach, couldn't be more content with the ball-striking of his most famous student.

"There was no need for a swing check, her ball-striking is as solid as it can be. Hopefully, Jenny would do well again if not finally bag the big moment she's been waiting for here in Portland," said Lopez.

Rosales will be playing in her sixth consecutive tournament since returning from a minor wrist injury and she has ruled out the possibility of fatigue affecting her chances.

"Don't worry, *malakas pa tayo*," she told the INQUIRER.

Teenagers, meanwhile, will share the spotlight in the first two rounds. In the 156-player field is 13-year-old Burlison who is nine days older than Wie, Morgan Pressel (15), Aree Song (17) and Christina Kim (19).

**ALL TEED UP**
**JENNIFER Rosales plays her final practice round with Gullia Sergas. J-Ro's caddie is American Sam Hinshaw (second from left).**
JONG ARCANO

## 'Big Four' stirs LPGA

NORTH PLAINS, Oregon—Se Ri Pak was chipping out of a grassy hollow left of the 18th green as Annika Sorenstam waited down the fairway, debating whether she could hit a 7-wood out of the bunker and over a hazard.

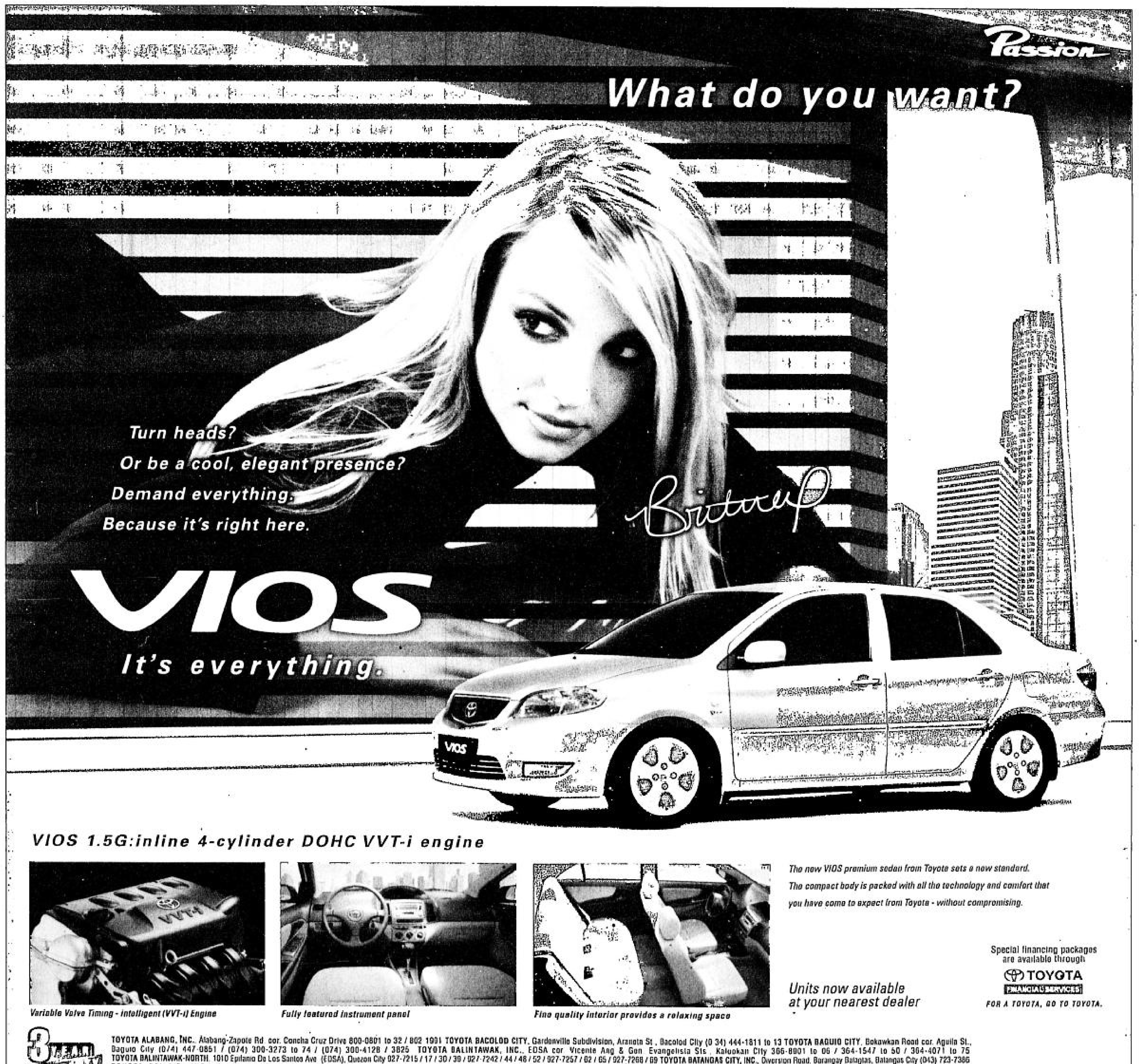
Approaching the 18th tee at Pumpkin Ridge was Juli Inkster, the defending champion and, at age 43, still motivated to win majors.

Also on the back nine was Karrie Webb, the first player since Mickey Wright in the 1960s to win at least one major title four years in a row.

Indeed, fans watching the final practice round for the US Women's Open didn't have to walk far to find the best in women's golf.

They are known as the "Big Four," and for good reason.

Inkster, Webb, Pak and Sorenstam have combined to win 15 of the last 17 majors on the LPGA Tour. *AP*



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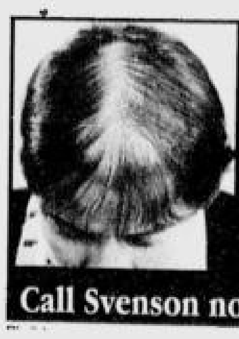
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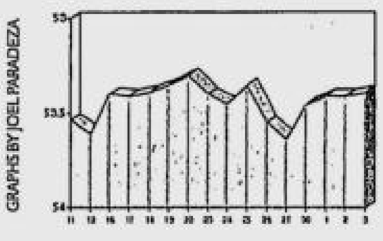

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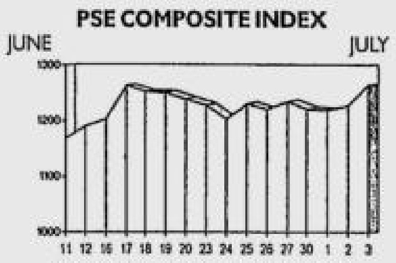
## Stocks hit 12-month high



(See stock market report on Page B2)

SHARE prices closed up 3.11 percent yesterday at a 12-month high on revitalized investor confidence following a 25 basis points cut in local interest rates and a positive showing on Wall Street, dealers said.

The Philippine Stock Exchange composite index rose 38.16 points to 1,266.12, its highest level since June 11, 2002.

Turnover was 410.55 million shares worth P611.28 million after 337.5 million shares worth P651.34 million Wednesday.

Monetary authorities on Wednesday lowered benchmark overnight rates to their lowest levels in 11 years to 6.75 percent for borrowing and 9 percent for lending in a bid to sustain economic growth.

Sentiment was also buoyed by news that improved revenue collections will help the government meet its budget deficit target in June, the third month in a row that the budget gap has been contained, dealers said.

"Investors are beginning to realize that the financial system has become conducive to financing expansion as well as restructuring debts given the lower interest rate environment," said Ron Rodrigo of Accord Capital Equities.

Citiseconline.com analyst Mark Alan Canizares said an interest rate cut should boost interest in the equities market, particularly in banking and property stocks, as its gives banks fewer incentives to park their funds with the central bank, freeing liquidity in the system.

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| 6 Months | 7.4179 | 7.5673 |
| 1 Year | 7.9333 | 7.9283 |
| 2 Years | 8.7317 | 8.7633 |
| 3 Years | 9.6667 | 9.7867 |
| 4 Years | 10.0783 | 10.1867 |
| 5 Years | 10.275 | 10.3883 |
| 7 Years | 11.1833 | 11.3117 |
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By Abigail L. Ho

**ASIA-PACIFIC airlines were the worst performers in the world in terms of passenger traffic, with volumes dropping by more than 50 percent in May because of the severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) outbreak.**

Data from the International Air Transport Association revealed that the Asia-Pacific region to which Philippine flag carriers belonged suffered the most that month because of SARS, leading airlines to respond to the situation by reducing available capacity by 30.7 percent as compared with the same period last year.

But IATA director general and chief executive Giovanni Bisignani said in a statement yesterday that the effects of the SARS outbreak on the Asia-Pacific aviation industry would likely ease in June and the succeeding months.

"The turmoil in the aviation industry intensified in May as the impact of the SARS crisis became more widespread and the global economy continued to struggle. The worst of SARS is likely behind us. The (World Health Organization) has removed all SARS travel advisories and it is time to get back to business," he said.

On a global scheme, the aviation industry suffered a 21-percent slump in terms of passenger traffic for the month of May and a 6.4-percent decline for the first five months of the year.

Total available capacity for the whole industry was slashed by 12.6 percent as a result of dwindling passenger traffic.

North American airlines, especially those with trans-Pacific routes, likewise generated 20.6-percent lower passenger traffic in May than in the same period last year, mainly because of the lingering effects of the Iraq war and the global economic downturn.

These airlines cut available capacity by an almost even 19 percent to help lower operating expenses and compensate for lost traffic.

Although there had been indicators of a rebound in passenger traffic in June and the succeeding months, Bisignani said full recovery of the industry would still take time.

"An increase in traffic is not a return to profitability. Major challenges remain. Most immediately, airlines must remain prudent in re-introducing capacity. Secondly, industry-wide cost-cutting efforts must be redoubled to put our crippled balance sheets back in order. Finally, we must intensify the drive to revamp the outdated regulatory framework that prevents airlines from acting like modern businesses," he said.

"The long-term recovery of the air transport sector, and all of the follow-on benefits that it will bring to the global economy, cannot occur if the airlines remain sick. These challenges must be met head-on," he added.

While passenger traffic fell in May for almost all airline markets in the world, freight volumes remained rosy despite the economic slump that the world continued to experience.

Overall, actual freight traffic for all airlines in the world went up by 3 percent in May, with the Middle East posting the largest growth of 20.9 percent in the same period.

# BSP to tighten rules on banks' Dosri loans

By Clarissa S. Batino

THE BANGKO Sentral ng Pilipinas yesterday said it would clamp down on banks' insider lending by tightening the definition of what constitutes "related interests" or the so-called Dosri loans.

Lending to directors, officers, shareholders and related interests or Dosri has always been a source of concern for regulators as it had on numerous instances caused bank failures.

"The Monetary Board will be redefining 'related interests' and study whether we can use that to have a more comprehensive coverage of a bank's Dosri loans," a senior monetary official said yesterday.

A stricter policy on Dosri is likely to come out in the third quarter, according to the official, although tightening its policies on insider lending has been on the agenda of the central bank over the last three years.

Earlier, the BSP said it wanted to align the limit on lending to related interests to a similar policy on directors, officers and shareholders. These three groups could only borrow from the bank an amount equivalent to their deposits and shareholdings.

The BSP, according to the official, would like to define related interests to cover not only individuals but also the companies they own and control.

Under present banking laws, a bank's exposure to Dosri is limited to individuals like a bank officer, his personal agents or representatives. It does not include entities or companies.

While a bank could not lend more than 15 percent of its unimpaired capital to Dosri, some insiders were able to go around the loophole. In some instances, a conglomerate that owns and operates a bank gets a relatively cheap loan for other members of the group given the lax policies on insider lending.

What happens is that even when the banking business is not doing well, a conglomerate would not give up the bank to keep cheap money flowing to its other interests, according to the BSP official.

**BANGKO Sentral Governor Rafael Buenaventura shows a copy of the book "Money and Banking in the Philippines" which the monetary agency launched during the 10th anniversary of the BSP Thursday at the BSP building in Manila.**
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# June inflation seen at 2.7-2.8%

By Clarissa S. Batino

THE NATIONAL Economic and Development Authority yesterday said the inflation rate in June was estimated at between 2.7 and 2.8 percent. The official number will be announced today.

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Governor Rafael Buenaventura said the inflation rate or the average increase in consumer prices should not exceed 3 percent the rest of the year.

The average increase in consumer prices is expected to fall below 4 percent for the whole year against the government target of 4.5-5.5 percent. Last year's average inflation rate was 3.1 percent.

The Development Budget Coordination Committee had set this year's inflation target at between 4 percent and 5 percent but the central bank, wanting more flexibility in drafting monetary policies, sought an adjustment to 4.5-5.5 percent or the same as the 2002 target.

Early this year, the central bank considered potential pressures like the US-Iraq war that drove crude oil prices up, the drought brought about by the El Niño phenomenon, a wage hike and other possible risks in setting a higher inflation target.

But the risks have diminished as the Middle East conflict was resolved quickly while crude oil prices were falling.

The central bank has adopted inflation-targeting as its monetary policy framework. This means that the BSP will use its monetary tools only to keep consumer prices stable and not to prop up the local currency as it had done in the past.

Any monetary adjustment meant to buoy the peso, as it had done in March, will be made only when the peso's weakness is already putting pressure on the government's inflation target over the long term.

Other factors affecting inflation include foreign exchange and wage increases.

A peso movement in the exchange rate leads to a 15-basis point adjustment in inflation while a one-percent hike in wages translates to a 26-basis point increase in the inflation rate.

# PBCom plans 27 more branches

PHILIPPINE Bank of Communications aims to expand its network of 68 branches by putting up 20 to 27 branches this year.

PBCom president Isidro Alcantara told reporters yesterday that the bank would purchase the branches mainly from other banks that have merged with or acquired other banks.

Alcantara said the bank aimed to set up branches in areas with high Filipino-Chinese population, the bank's main target market.

In an earlier interview, Alcantara said: "We definitely need to expand our branch network. The cheaper way to do it is to acquire branches from banks that are rationalizing because of mergers."

Alcantara also disclosed that PBCom made about P50-P60 million in the first half of this year.

He said that in the second quarter, the bank posted significant gains in securities trading.

PBCom hopes to at least match its profit of P246.8 million last year, he said.

PBCom is the 17th largest bank in the country and is owned largely by Filipino-Chinese families. *Elena R. Torrijos*

# Online broker to list on July 23

By Doris C. Dumlao

CASHROUNDS Inc., the first online broker of private equity for small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in the country, will be the third company to list on the SME board of the Philippine Stock Exchange.

A subsidiary of Amalgamated Investment Bancorporation (AIB), Cashrounds started its offering last Wednesday. It is scheduled to list on the local bourse on July 23.

"The computer is now being used to transact private equity. Going forward, this will be instrumental in borderless brokerage that will enable us to do non-Philippine equities," AIB and Cashrounds chair Juan Carlos del Rosario said.

"The use of IT (information technology) platform is something that's timely considering that the dotcom industry had gone through the cycle of boom and bust. In the US, most of the branded type of dotcoms are now making money," AIB president Rene Benitez said.

Cashrounds is offering 8 million primary common shares at P1 per share, representing about 28.6 percent of its total equity.

Based on its offering circular, the estimated net proceeds from the primary offering were estimated to reach P6.38 million. Of the total, P3.66 million will be used as permanent working capital, P1.7 million for marketing and promotions, and P1.02 million for software and hardware upgrade.

The issue manager and lead underwriter of the offering is Abacus Capital & Investment Corp.

Benitez said the company's listing was aimed at strengthening brand awareness. He said generating additional equity was just secondary.

He said that to date, Cashrounds constituted only a small portion of AIB's revenues. He, however, noted that its business model had a lot of potential considering that 80 percent of enterprises in the country fall under the small and medium size category.

Its website, Cashrounds.com, offers matchmaking services for investors and fund seekers. It also teaches SMEs on how to draw up business plans.

"Not all of the companies will get funds, but at least we render public service," he said.

Launched in 2000, the online broker has so far closed two equity deals for SMEs.

# High-value crops offer high returns

By Ernesto M. Ordoñez

COMMENTARY

THE DEPARTMENT of Agriculture (DA) is on the right track. It has consistently asked for a higher budget for high value crops. But Congress has not seemed to pay much attention to the DA. From a budget of P929 million in 2000, it decreased the DA's budget allocation to less than half at only P382 million in 2003. There is much talk that agriculture should be supported. It is time we match rhetoric with reality and "walk the talk." We have to "work smart"—that is, work in areas that have the highest returns to our investments. Putting the money, and the work, behind high value commercial crops (HVCC) is working smart. Here's why.

## HVCC programs

Republic Act No. 7900, otherwise known as the High Value Crops Development Act of 1995, promotes the production, processing, marketing and distribution of high-value crops, providing funds therefore and for other purposes. It defines high-value crops (HVCs) as crops other than the traditional crops (rice, corn, sugar and coconut), that include the following: coffee & cacao, fruit crops, vegetable crops, legumes, pole sitao, spices and condiments, and cutflower and ornamental foliage plants.

Ricardo Villo Jr., DA program manager of the Ginintuang Masaganang Ani–HVCC program, provided production statistics during the recently held National Convention of Rural-Based Organizations in Cebu City. The 2001 data showed that coconut and corn farms with a combined area of 5.6 million hectares yielded some P55 billion. HVCC products from 1.6 million hectares of farms yielded P88.8 billion. Villo pointed out, "The hectares planted to HVCC commodities, which is only 28 percent of the corn and coconut areas, made 61 percent more in revenue than that of corn and coconut."

To make this more explicit to lawmakers, investors and farmers, we have recast the statistics in terms of average value/revenue per hectare. *(See table.)*

The production value of high-value crops at P56,000 per hectare is five and a half times the P10,000 per hectare value of corn and coconut. In the DA plan, the most widely supported high-value crops by the regions today are mango (12 regions), banana (9) vegetables (6), coffee (5), root crops (3), and durian (3).

## Benefits

The good news is that it is precisely the high-value crops that coconut and corn farmers should also plant to supplement their meager income. Palay farmers should likewise do this. At the National Rice Convention organized by the Philippine Peasant Institute last May, Senon Nolasco of the Philippine Rice Farmers Council and the Alyansa Agrikultura, said: "My family could not live on income from palay alone. It was the vegetables that we planted and sold that allowed us to survive and send our children to school."

Dr. Rene Espino, a UPLB professor and former head of the HVCC program, said "While several farmers changed completely to HVCC and benefited much from the program, many more added HVCC to their main crop and increased their incomes significantly."

The demand for HVCC is increasing. Pete Prado, chair of Barnstom Herbs International Inc., said: "A market analysis of high value crops in the domestic and international markets showed that the demand is not only able to absorb more supply, but continues to grow and expand."

A bigger budget allocation is definitely needed for HVCC for the items identified by Villo. These include techno demo farms showcasing various technologies and farming techniques; formulation of product standards to increase quality and marketability, even in export markets (e.g., organic product standards); and promoting product specific programs (e.g., mango, bananas, vegetables)

## Private sector

But the bigger determinant of success is the private sector's initiative and the teamwork among themselves and with government. For mangoes, the private sector must use economies of scale and program their harvesting to avoid extreme fluctuations in supply and prices. For bananas, they should unify to open markets such as Australia, where perceived unfair trade barriers are in place. For vegetables, they should not only learn new technologies from entrepreneurs like Lyndon Tan, who has successfully replaced imported vegetables. They should also continue their anti-smuggling efforts. Only last month, two containers of carrots smuggled from China were released into the domestic market with the approval of some government personnel. This may signal the re-emergence of smuggling unless farmers remain vigilant.

CK Chang, an agri-industrialist turned investor and farm manager, provided valuable insight when he was interviewed in the municipality of Salipada K. Pedatum in Sultan Kudarat. Where traditional crops could not grow, he introduced the HVCC of palm oil to the people there. "They were rebels who had found work in the farms which are now their source of livelihood," he said. "We used to hear gunshots while on the road. Now there's hardly any because many are busy working."

Our Congress must reverse the downward trend in the HVCC budget. Our farmer organizations and agribusiness must lead in the HVCC drive. Then our agriculture can likewise be finally working.

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| COMMODITIES | AREA (000 HAS) | AVERAGE REVENUE PER HECTARE |
|---|---|---|
| HVCC products | | |
| - Fruits | 705 | P 79,000 |
| - Vegetables | 129 | P 83,000 |
| - Plantation crops | 325 | P 17,000 |
| - Root crops | 382 | P 29,000 |
| Total/Average | 1,591 | P 56,000 |
| Corn and Coconut | | |
| - Corn | 2,487 | P 12,000 |
| - Coconut | 3,120 | P 8,000 |
| Total/Average | 5.606 | P 10,000 |

# Globe readies launch of EDGE technology

GLOBE Telecom recently made the first EDGE (Enhanced Data for Global Evolution) live network trial call, putting the company a step closer to the commercial launch of the latest telecommunications technology for its Globe Handyphone subscribers.

With the successful integration of EDGE technology into its live cellular phone network, Globe joins select GSM operators in the United States, Singapore, Hong Kong and Canada that are now in various stages of EDGE trial and deployment.

"This is consistent with Globe's pioneering status in the highly competitive Philippine GSM cellular market," Globe president and CEO Gerardo Ablaza Jr. said.

"We are in for the long-term, and we believe that offering more sophisticated EDGE-based value-added mobile services gives us a distinct competitive advantage in meeting our subscribers' needs for more sophisticated mobile data applications requiring bigger file sizes and data speeds," Ablaza added. Globe has pioneered in a number of telecommunications services, dating back to 1994 when it first introduced here text messaging and international roaming via its GSM-based cellular mobile phone service. Among these were the prepaid international roaming (April 2002), MMS or multi-media messaging service (July 2002), video messaging (February 2003) and video streaming (March 2003).

"Tapping both Nokia and Ericsson as suppliers, Globe Telecom is well on its way to realizing its commercial introduction of EDGE technology. We foresee EDGE as a major development that will let our more than 7 million subscribers enjoy existing and upcoming value-added services, and moreover, enhanced technology," said Globe Telecom Wireless Business head Ferdinand de la Cruz.

The introduction of EDGE as part of Globe's live cellular network marks the start of phase two of EDGE trials. This involves a larger and more complex environment than the preparatory laboratory testing previously conducted. The EDGE-enhanced components of the GSM network are actually subjected to stress factors such as EDGE data calls and actual mobile traffic by a pilot group of GSM users.

EDGE provides the next step beyond GPRS, offering higher data rates for services within GSM operators' existing spectrum allocations. It allows data to be transmitted through cellular phones up to three times faster than the speeds of the current GPRS technology.

# PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

(As of July 3, 2003)

| STOCKS | OPEN | HIGH | LOW | CLOSE | VOLUME |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES** | | | | | |
| **BANKS** | | | | | |
| Banco de Oro Univ. Bank | 19 | 19.5 | 19 | 19.5 | 297,500 |
| Bank of the Phil. Islands | 46.5 | 48 | 46.5 | 48 | 1,160,600 |
| China Banking Corp. | 745 | 755 | 745 | 755 | 4,050 |
| Equitable PCI Bank Inc. | 32 | 33.5 | 32 | 33.5 | 167,400 |
| Metropolitan Bank & Trust | 30 | 31 | 30 | 31 | 214,100 |
| Philippine National Bank | 23.75 | 24 | 23.75 | 24 | 33,000 |
| Phil. Savings Bank | 28 | 28 | 28 | 28 | 20,000 |
| Security Bank Corp. | 12.5 | 13 | 12.5 | 12.75 | 222,200 |
| Union Bank of the Phil. | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 11,500 |
| **FINANCIAL SERVICES** | | | | | |
| Bankard Inc. | 1.36 | 1.36 | 1.36 | 1.36 | 326,000 |
| Manulife Financial Corp. | 1500 | 1515 | 1500 | 1515 | 710 |
| PCI Leasing & Fin. Inc. | 0.72 | 0.79 | 0.72 | 0.79 | 80,000 |
| Sun Life Financial Serv. | 1100 | 1110 | 1100 | 1105 | 7,100 |
| **COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL** | | | | | |
| **COMMUNICATION** | | | | | |
| ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp | 19 | 19.75 | 19 | 19.5 | 36,300 |
| Diversified Fin. Network | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 40,000 |
| Digital Telecom Phils Inc. | 0.71 | 0.74 | 0.71 | 0.74 | 12,380,000 |
| Globe Telecom Inc. | 625 | 650 | 625 | 650 | 49,790 |
| Ipeople Inc. | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 200,000 |
| Island Info and Tech Inc. | 0.045 | 0.045 | 0.045 | 0.045 | 2,100,000 |
| Pilipino Tel. Corp. | 0.43 | 0.43 | 0.41 | 0.41 | 2,150,000 |
| Phil. Telegraph & Tel. Co. | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 100,000 |
| Phil. Long Dis Tel Co. | 580 | 585 | 580 | 585 | 185,390 |
| Ivantage Corp. | 0.42 | 0.42 | 0.42 | 0.42 | 50,000 |
| Philweb Corp. | 0.013 | 0.013 | 0.012 | 0.013 | 17,100,000 |
| **POWER & ENERGY** | | | | | |
| Manila Electric Co. A | 10.25 | 10.75 | 9.9 | 10.5 | 3,048,000 |
| Manila Electric Co. B | 15.25 | 16.25 | 14.75 | 16.25 | 3,610,800 |
| Petron Corp. | 2 | 2.08 | 2 | 2.08 | 14,335,000 |
| Trans-Asia Oil and Energy | 0.91 | 0.96 | 0.91 | 0.96 | 90,000 |
| **TRANSPORTATION SERVICES** | | | | | |
| Asian Terminals Inc. | 1.44 | 1.44 | 1.44 | 1.44 | 40,000 |
| Int'l Container Term'l Sv | 2.8 | 2.85 | 2.8 | 2.85 | 333,000 |
| Lorenzo Shipping Corp. | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 30,000 |
| William, Gothong & Aboitiz | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 86,000 |
| **CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS** | | | | | |
| Engineering Equip. Inc. | 0.46 | 0.46 | 0.44 | 0.45 | 180,000 |
| Republic Glass Hldg. Corp | 1.58 | 1.58 | 1.58 | 1.58 | 100,000 |
| **FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO** | | | | | |
| Alaska Milk Corp. | 2.85 | 2.85 | 2.85 | 2.85 | 28,000 |
| Jollibee Foods Corp. | 17.75 | 17.75 | 17.75 | 17.75 | 124,000 |
| RFM Corp. | 0.75 | 0.75 | 0.74 | 0.74 | 20,000 |
| Swift Food Inc. | 0.26 | 0.26 | 0.26 | 0.26 | 110,000 |
| San Miguel Corp. A | 54 | 54 | 53.5 | 54 | 94,900 |
| San Miguel Corp. B | 63.5 | 63.5 | 63.5 | 63.5 | 86,100 |
| Vitarich Corp. | 0.23 | 0.23 | 0.23 | 0.23 | 170,000 |
| **HOLDING FIRMS** | | | | | |
| Abacus Con Res & Hdg A | 0.39 | 0.4 | 0.39 | 0.39 | 100,000 |
| Ayala Corp. | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 9,915,000 |
| Aboitiz Equity Ventures | 2.38 | 2.4 | 2.38 | 2.4 | 580,000 |
| Ajo Net Holdings Inc. | 0.032 | 0.032 | 0.032 | 0.032 | 700,000 |
| APC Group, Inc. | 0.075 | 0.08 | 0.075 | 0.075 | 1,800,000 |
| Alcorn Gold Res. Corp. | 0.0055 | 0.0055 | 0.0055 | 0.0055 | 23,000,000 |
| ATN Holdings Inc. | 1.68 | 1.7 | 1.68 | 1.7 | 16,000 |
| Bacnotan Cons Indus Inc. | 9.7 | 9.7 | 9.5 | 9.5 | 20,000 |
| Benpres Holdings Corp. | 0.56 | 0.59 | 0.54 | 0.59 | 13,250,000 |
| Crown Equities Inc. | 0.195 | 0.195 | 0.195 | 0.195 | 610,000 |
| DMCI Holdings, Inc. | 0.24 | 0.25 | 0.24 | 0.24 | 2,300,000 |
| Filinvest Dev. Corp. | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 30,000 |
| First Phil Hldgs Corp | 13 | 13.25 | 12.5 | 13.25 | 1,459,100 |
| Ionics Inc. | 0.8 | 0.82 | 0.8 | 0.81 | 330,000 |
| J.G. Summit Holdings Inc. | 1.74 | 1.74 | 1.74 | 1.74 | 2,917,000 |
| Megaworld Corp. | 0.75 | 0.78 | 0.75 | 0.78 | 26,690,000 |
| Metro Pacific Corp. | 0.33 | 0.36 | 0.33 | 0.34 | 16,680,000 |
| Music Corp. | 0.32 | 0.34 | 0.31 | 0.33 | 10,180,000 |
| Prime Orion Phils., Inc. | 0.14 | 0.165 | 0.14 | 0.165 | 1,920,000 |
| Philtread Holdings Corp. | 3.15 | 3.15 | 3.15 | 3.15 | 1,000 |
| Roxas Holdings Inc. | 0.95 | 0.97 | 0.95 | 0.97 | 300,000 |
| Uniwide Holdings Inc. | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 200,000 |
| Waterfront Phils. Inc. | 0.29 | 0.29 | 0.29 | 0.29 | 40,000 |
| **MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING** | | | | | |
| Metro Alliance Hldgs B | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 20,000 |
| Matsushita Elec Phil Corp | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 5,000 |
| Mabuhay Vinyl Corp. | 1.58 | 1.62 | 1.58 | 1.62 | 161,000 |
| SPI Technologies Inc. | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 57,000 |
| **HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICES** | | | | | |
| Belle Corp. | 0.56 | 0.6 | 0.56 | 0.6 | 10,620,000 |
| Fairmont Holdings Inc. | 0.37 | 0.37 | 0.37 | 0.37 | 30,000 |
| Leisure & Resorts Corp. | 0.43 | 0.43 | 0.43 | 0.43 | 150,000 |
| Mondragon Intl Phils. Inc | 0.25 | 0.28 | 0.24 | 0.28 | 180,000 |
| **BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS** | | | | | |
| ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp (Pdr) | 19.5 | 20 | 19.5 | 20 | 163,400 |
| PLDT (10% Pref.) Series U | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 1,000 |
| PLDT (10% Pref) Series V | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 2,000 |
| PLDT (10% Pref) Series Y | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 1,000 |
| WGA - Preferred | 5.9 | 6 | 5.9 | 6 | 44,000 |
| **PROPERTY** | | | | | |
| Ayala Land Inc. | 6.2 | 6.3 | 6.2 | 6.3 | 6,227,000 |
| Cityland Development Corp. | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 300,000 |
| Cebu Holdings, Inc. | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 960,000 |
| C&P Homes Inc. | 0.22 | 0.235 | 0.215 | 0.235 | 2,840,000 |
| Cebu Prop. Vent. A | 0.55 | 0.55 | 0.55 | 0.55 | 30,000 |
| Cyber Bay Corp. | 0.2 | 0.235 | 0.2 | 0.225 | 15,220,000 |
| Empire East Land Inc. | 0.25 | 0.27 | 0.25 | 0.27 | 21,730,000 |
| Filinvest Land Inc. | 1.06 | 1.1 | 1.06 | 1.08 | 27,100,000 |
| Highlands Prime Inc. | 2.16 | 2.16 | 2.16 | 2.16 | 100,000 |
| Kuok Phil. Properties | 0.16 | 0.165 | 0.155 | 0.165 | 1,060,000 |
| Fil-Estate Land Inc. | 0.215 | 0.215 | 0.21 | 0.215 | 1,280,000 |
| SM Development Corp. | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 10,000 |
| SM Prime Holdings Inc. | 6.1 | 6.2 | 6 | 6.2 | 5,832,000 |
| **MINING** | | | | | |
| Abra Mining & Industrial | 0.0038 | 0.0038 | 0.0038 | 0.0038 | 123,000,000 |
| Atlas Cons. Min & Dev't | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 20,000 |
| Philex Mining Corp. B | 0.28 | 0.28 | 0.28 | 0.28 | 200,000 |
| **OIL** | | | | | |
| Imperial Res. | 0.012 | 0.013 | 0.012 | 0.013 | 1,100,000 |
| Oriental Pet. & Min. A | 0.0028 | 0.0028 | 0.0028 | 0.0028 | 10,000,000 |
| Oriental Pet. & Min. B | 0.003 | 0.003 | 0.003 | 0.003 | 3,000,000 |
| The Philodrill Corp. A | 0.18 | 0.18 | 0.18 | 0.18 | 30,000 |
| The Philodrill Corp. B | 0.18 | 0.18 | 0.18 | 0.18 | 30,000 |
| Pacifica | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 6,000,000 |
| Vulcan Ind'l | 0.16 | 0.22 | 0.16 | 0.2 | 320,000 |

| | SHARES | VALUE(P) |
|---|---|---|
| Bank & Fin Svc | 2,544,160 | 89,958,535.00 |
| Comm'l & Ind'l | 181,349,780 | 404,814,985.00 |
| PRO | 82,689,000 | 115,396,820.00 |
| Mining | 123,220,000 | 541,400.00 |
| OIL | 20,480,000 | 187,200.00 |
| GRAND TOTALS: | 410,282,940 | 610,898,940.00 |

| | AVERAGES | |
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| PRO | 564.05 | UP 19.84 |
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| SME | 100.00 | UNCH 0.00 |
| All Shares Index | 754.10 | UP 21.92 |
| Composite | 1,266.12 | UP 38.16 |

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# DISCLOSURES

CHINA Banking Corp. declared a P5-per- share cash dividend and a 20-percent stock dividend for stockholders of record as of July 18. Both are payable on Aug. 11.

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THE CHANGE in the name of Philtread Holdings Corp. to ATR Kim Eng Financial Corp. and the corresponding change in its trading symbol from PTR to ATRK will be reflected in the Philippine Stock Exchange's computer system today, July 4.

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ABRA Mining and Industrial Corp. will hold its annual stockholders' meeting on Aug. 29, 8 a.m. at the AMIC Compound in Bangued, Abra. Stockholders of record as of July 31 are entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting.

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METRO Pacific Corp. announced the appointment of Vivian Liban as chief financial officer and concurrent company treasurer.

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ISM Communications Corp. will hold its annual stockholders' meeting on July 31, 3 p.m. at 17/F of The Enterprise Center, Makati City. Stockholders of record as of June 23 are entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting.

***Compiled by Maricar D. Tolosa, PDI Research***

# CURRENCIES

| July 3, 2003<br>Country | Unit | Euro Equivalent | Dollar Equivalent | Peso Equivalent |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| United States | Dollar | 0.866401 | 1.000000 | 53.384000 |
| Japan | Yen | 0.007338 | 0.008469 | 0.452100 |
| United Kingdom | Pound | 1.442644 | 1.665100 | 88.889700 |
| Hongkong | Dollar | 0.111107 | 0.128240 | 6.846000 |
| Switzerland | Franc | 0.644692 | 0.744103 | 39.723200 |
| Canada | Dollar | 0.648358 | 0.748335 | 39.949100 |
| Singapore | Dollar | 0.495596 | 0.572017 | 30.536600 |
| Australia | Dollar | 0.589830 | 0.680782 | 36.342900 |
| Bahrain | Dinar* | 2.296268 | 2.652681 | 141.609700 |
| Saudi Arabia | Rial | 0.231034 | 0.266660 | 14.235400 |
| Brunei | Dollar | 0.494183 | 0.570386 | 30.449500 |
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| Brazil | Real | 0.307344 | 0.354736 | 18.937200 |
| Denmark | Kroner | 0.134612 | 0.155369 | 8.294200 |
| India | Rupee | 0.018729 | 0.021617 | 1.154000 |
| Malaysia | Ringgit | 0.228031 | 0.263193 | 14.050300 |
| Mexico | New Peso | 0.082389 | 0.095093 | 5.076400 |
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| Venezuela | Bolivar | 0.000543 | 0.000627 | 0.033500 |

# Upsilonian upset

## COCKTALES

*Victor C. Agustin*

JUST like the good old Marcosian days when their most famous brother was lording it over Malacañang through extra-legal means, the Upsilon fraternity is trying to perpetuate its stranglehold on the University of the Philippines Alumni Association despite having been roundly thrashed during the recent election.

UPAA president Eduardo Hernandez, an Upsilonian like the previous two-term UPAA presidents Ponciano Mathay and Edgardo Espiritu, has refused to hand over power despite the Upsilonian ticket squeaking in only three candidates in the 23-member board.

The 20 others who swamped the Upsilonian group belong to the ticket of the UP Los Baños alumna, Nelia Gonzalez, who was first vice president to both Mathay and Espiritu.

The Upsilonian standard bearer, Domingo Santiago, a lawyer like Hernandez, landed in the *kangkungan* just like the wife of current first vice president/de facto UPAA president Gary Tiongco, Gladys.

(The two top UPAA officers, president Hernandez and FVP Gary Tiongco, did not seek reelection.)

The Gonzalez ticket included one Upsilonian, IRRI executive director Fernando Bernardo, and two Sigma Deltans (sorority sisters of Upsilonians), Fe Arcinas and Elena Fernando. All three also managed to win convincingly despite having the barbarian Gonzalez, whom the Upsilonians first tried to bar on account of her age, as standard-bearer.

The traditional turnover for the new UPAA board was supposed to have taken place during the June 21 alumni homecoming, but the UPAA commission on elections, chaired by Upsilonian lawyer Chito Avecilla, still refuses to proclaim the winners.

Avecilla, who teaches ethics at the Diliman mass communication department, took over the UPAA comelec chairmanship after another Upsilonian, Napoleon Vergara, resigned allegedly due to pressures from his fraternity brothers.

We will stop here, since there is a pending petition filed by the Gonzalez group before Quezon City Regional Trial Court Judge Rogelio Pizarro (also from UP, but fortunately/unfortunately not an Upsilonian) to force UPAA and its comelec to proclaim the winners for the 2003-2006 board.

The strange thing about this whole episode is that even UP president Francisco Nemenzo, like Espiritu, has refused to use the considerable powers of his office to settle the dispute amicably.

Then again, Nemenzo's hold over the campus hangs in the balance. But that, as they say, is another story.

### Diliman commune II

THE UPSILON manifesto that found its way in this column on Wednesday contained at least one glaring half-truth, a frequent device resorted to by lawyers.

It claimed that the travel agent-daughter of the "comeback" leader rented two rooms at the UPAA's Ang Bahay ng Alumni building and that "one of the rooms accumulated rental arrears amounting to nearly P170,000."

The travel agent adverted to, Bessie Gonzalez-Escalona, president of Voyager Travel, wrote to say she owes not a single centavo for the office unit her agency leases at Bahay Alumni.

The other room that had been referred to was a failed Internet cafe that her former partner abandoned, leaving all the computers and office equipment behind.

"I was no longer a partner and I had formally informed UPAA about my having dissociated from the Internet cafe venture even before the venture collapsed," Escalona said.

As to the other issues raised on how the Bahay Alumni was run, her mother, Nelia Gonzalez, declined to comment, except to refer to the audit and financial statements.

"After all, the Upsilonian board has been in control" for the past four administrations, Gonzalez said.

### Ayalas' military adventure

THE CASTILALOY hacenderos of Ayala Land are trying to score brownie points with the military establishment.

Tomorrow, President Macapagal-Arroyo and top defense officials will inaugurate an Ayala-developed housing project for soldiers at Camp Riego de Dios in Tanza, Cavite.

The Ayalas are developing 1,300 housing units on a 20-hectare portion of the camp, offering five different houses ranging from townhouses to duplex and single detached.

The monthly amortization ranges from P2,344 to P6,143, relatively "affordable" since the armed forces contributed the land.

In addition to the Tanza site, three other camps—in San Miguel, Tarlac, Cagayan de Oro City and Taguig, Metro Manila—have also allocated housing sites for the soldiers.

### Heard through the grapevine

OUR ambassador to Italy, Philippe Lhuillier, is facing a mutiny from the career officers at the Rome Embassy.

According to the grapevine, this is the second time, involving a second set of personnel, who have pleaded with both Padre Faura and Malacañang that they be reassigned somewhere else.

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# VAT on banks boosts BIR's June collections

**By Michelle V. Remo**

THE BUREAU of Internal Revenue's tax collection from the banking industry surged by 543 percent to P3.67 billion in June from last year's P676 million, BIR large taxpayers division chief Estelita Aguirre disclosed yesterday.

The bigger tax remittance by banks was attributed to the imposition of the value-added tax on banks and financial institutions which took effect this year. "The banks have remitted in June their VAT liabilities for the January-to-May period, and this has helped the division exceed its collection goal for the month," Aguirre said in an interview.

She said the BIR's collection from banks, which contributed 20.6 percent of the total collection by the large taxpayers division in June, helped boost its performance for the month.

Preliminary figures showed that the division, which accounts for 60 percent of the total BIR revenue collection, has generated P17.8 billion in June, or P342 million more than the P17.46-billion target.

The better-than-expected June collection by the large taxpayers division indicated that the BIR could have again exceeded its monthly collection goal.

The BIR official attributed the significant improvement in collection from the banking industry to Revenue Commissioner Guillermo Parayno's constant dialogue with members of the Bankers Association of the Philippines on the implementation of the VAT scheme, which replaced the gross receipt tax system.

Most banks preferred the 5-percent GRT over the 10-percent VAT, saying the latter required a more complicated process of collection and was burdensome for customers. For his part, Parayno earlier admitted that the VAT was a more complicated system, but said the BIR would have to perform in accordance with what the law dictated. Unlike the GRT system, the VAT scheme allows taxpayers to deduct input VAT credits from their VAT liabilities, and thus requires tedious documentation of all VAT transactions.

Aside from increased input from the banking sector, Aguirre also attributed the higher June collection to the improved tax remittances by insurance companies, excise taxpayers and large industries such as manufacturing.

She said initial data showed insurance companies paid P1.79 billion in June, compared with the P956 million during the same period last year.

# Past-due credit card loans soar

**By Clarissa S. Batino**

CREDIT card receivables of banks and card companies have dropped by 11.26 percent or P6.1 billion in the first quarter to P48.08 billion from P54.18 billion in end-2002.

Soured accounts out of the total receivables, however, remained at a huge 25.35 percent as of March although slightly lower than 26.09 percent in December 2002.

The latest data from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas showed that banks and other institutions engaged in the credit card business continued to sustain piles of non-performing loans despite a repeated reminder from monetary authorities to keep the soured accounts under control as part of the effort to bring interest rates down.

Comparing the data to the first quarter of 2002, receivables have gone up by 2.14 percent or about a billion pesos from P47.08 billion. Past-due from credit card lending was also higher in the first three months this year from 24.36 percent in the same period in 2002.

The ratio of soured loans of the credit card industry was more than 10 points higher compared to the 15.52-percent non-performing loans of commercial banks as of April. A BSP official said that at most, the past-due credit card loans should be comparable to the banking sector's NPL ratio.

There are 16 commercial banks, six credit card subsidiaries and 11 thrift banks engaged in the business of plastic cash.

During the same period, banks' exposure to auto loans rose 33.9 percent to P43.78 billion from P32.7 billion in the first quarter of 2002. Against the previous three-month period, car loans went up 3.7 percent from P42.2 billion as of end-December 2002.

Past-due auto loans were steady at P2.73 billion or 9.6 percent of the banks' total exposure to the particular retail business as of March against P2.58 billion or 9.92 percent in December.

Year-on-year, however, the ratio of soured car loans was up substantially from 5.95 percent although the level was lower at P1.76 billion.

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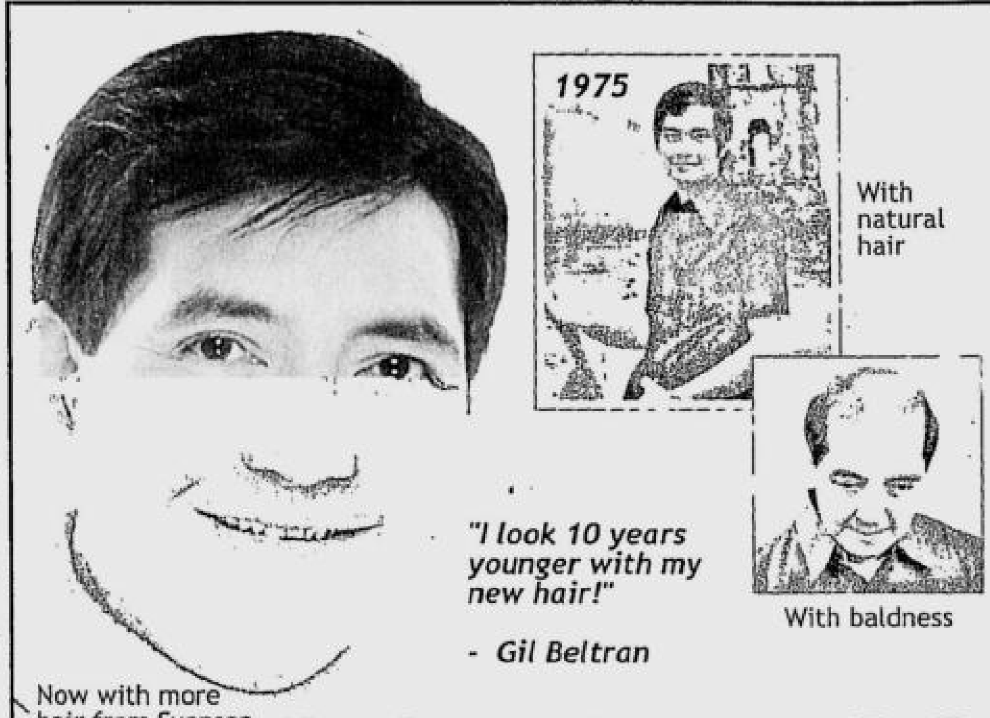
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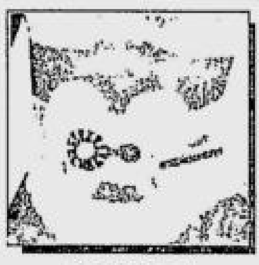
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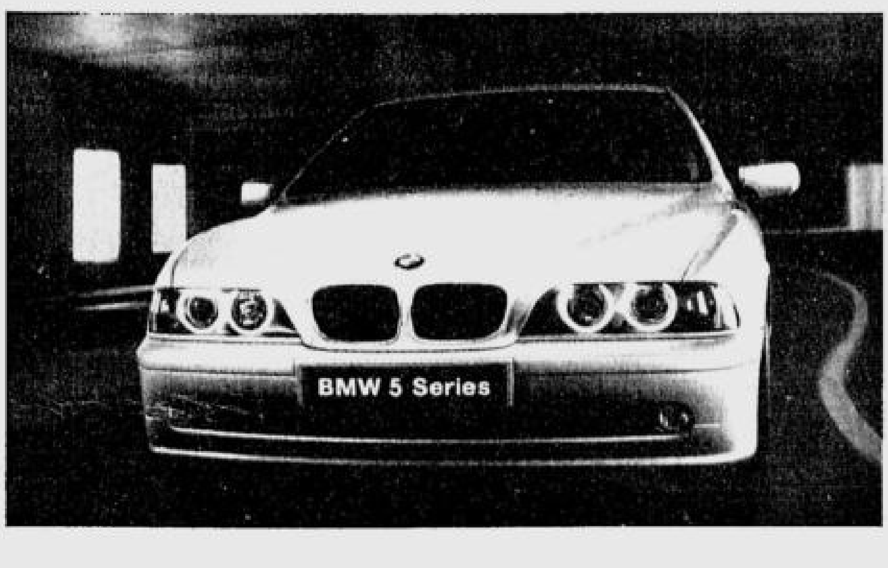
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### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

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**AUCTION SALE**

MARA PAWNSHOP BR. of 2230 M. Roxas St. Sta Ana Manila. Auction Sale on July 14, 2003, Mon. at 2:30 in the afternoon. Respectively, Feb. 14-Mar. 14, 2003
SONS OF J. LANUZA, Auctioneer.

MARA PAWNSHOP
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Sons of J. Lanuza,
Auctioneer

MI MARA PAWNSHOP of 251 Quirino Ave., Baclaran Paranaque, M.M. Auction Sale on July 14, 2003, Mon. at 4:00 in the afternoon. Respectively, Feb. 14-Mar. 14, 2003. Sons of J. Lanuza, Auctioneer.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late LILIA C. BILLONES has been extrajudicially settled by her heirs as per doc. no. 268; page no. 54; book no. X; series of 2003 before notary public Atty. Ernesto M. Andrade of Quezon City.(PDI-7/4,11,18, 2003

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of LIDWINA LOS BAÑOS ABES had executed a Deed of Extrajudicial Settlement of estate with waiver of rights on April 10, 2003 and acknowledged the same before Notary Public Dante S. David for and in the City of Quezon, Philippines and bearing Doc. No. 139; Page No. 28; Book No. 1; Series of 2003 of his Notarial Register
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NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late REBECCA I. MADRIAGA has been extrajudicially settled by Ma. Theresa M. Quincina as per Doc.#76, Page 17, Book X, Series of 2003 before Notary Public Leovigildo Cerilis of Lope Quezon.
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## Engr. Oscar Caguit Sañez

Of Imus, Cavite

*Peacefully joined our Lord on July 3, 2003*
*at the age of 78.*

His loving wife NENE; children **Sarya, Bubut, Oscar Jr. & Grace, Kotoy & Julie**; grandchildren **Chey, Chandy, Ida, Mian, Marcie, Joem & Jian**, relatives and friends, request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at **Bahay Ugnayan – Samson Vigil Spaces** at 145 Bayan Luma, Imus, and Cavite.

Interment will be on
Wednesday, July 9, 2003
at the Imus Cemetery
after the 2:30 p.m. Mass.

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*"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want."*

## FRANCISCO ANTONIO D. BUCU

(October 4, 1951 - June 28, 2003)

Devoted husband to **Angelina C. de los Santos-Bucu**; doting father of **James Ariel, Francis Emmanuel, Angela Christine**; beloved son of **Elena Bucu, Roberto Bucu Jr.** (†); caring son-in-law of **Felipe & Teodora de los Santos**; brother of **Josefina B. Ferrer, Nimfa B. August, Eden Veronica Bucu, Roberto Bucu III, Emelito Bucu, Joseph Arne Bucu, Virgilio Bucu, Benjamin de los Santos, Jose Pepito de los Santos, Ma. Adora de los Santos, Elvira de los Santos**; the family, **Lydia de Roca** (Lydia's Lechon), relatives, and community of friends request the pious reader to pray for his soul in his journey to join our Creator in Heaven.

"I sing because I'm Happy, I sing because I'm Free; His eye is on the Sparrow, and I know He watches over me!"

Interment will be on Sunday, July 6, 2003, 10:00 a.m. at the Ma. Christina Gardens Pavilion, Iligan City.

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## Ma. Cristina "Tina" Maxino Hembrador

Born December 27, 1972
Peacefully joined her Creator on June 19, 2003

Her bereaved family: father **Capt. Ricardo Hembrador**; mother **Carmelita Hembrador**; sister & brother-in-law **Maricar & Oman Santiago**; sisters **Maricel & Teresa**; brothers **Ricky & Bobby**, sister-in-law **Ana**; nephews **Jacob, Matthew**, and **Kyle**, and other relatives request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at St. Alfonso's de Liguori Chapel, Magallanes Village, Magallanes, Makati City from Friday to Saturday, July 4-5, 2003.

**We design OBITUARIES for free.**

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## *SINAGLAYA TOPACIO REYES*

### *(Sining, Sina)*

**of Imus, Cavite**

*Peacefully joined our Creator, July 2, 2003.*

*A loving Sister to her brothers & sisters and to her nieces & nephews:*

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***CARMELITA** (†) & **JOHN CARANDANG** (†)*
*Ann & Kleth Hayashi, Noelle & Stu Pope*

*and her grandnieces & grandnephews, cousins & other relatives & friends request pious readers for prayers for the eternal repose of her soul.*

*Her remains lie in state at the family residence, Gen. Castañeda St., Imus, Cavite.*

*Interment will be on Saturday, July 5, 2003 after the Eucharistic Celebration at 1:30 p.m. at the Imus Cathedral.*

*Service by La Funeraria Sapinoso.*

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"There is an
appointed
time for everything,
and a time for every
affair under
the heaven..."

Ecclesiastes 3:11

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## MIGUEL ANTONIO P. TAGUIWALO

*was called home to the Lord on Wednesday, July 2, 2003*
*at the age of 18.*

His bereaved parents **Mario** & **Beaulah**; brothers **Mark Lorenzo** and **Mario Alfredo**; relatives and friends request the pious reader to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Jacinto Chapel, La Funeraria Paz-Sucat (inside Manila Memorial Park) Parañaque City.

Cremation will be at Manila Memorial Park Crematorium on Sunday, July 6, 2003 after the 2:00 p.m. Mass.

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## AVELINO VALERA VILLAMOR M.D.

Of Lagangilang, Abra & Quezon City

Peacefully joined his Creator on July 2, 2003
at the age of 88.

His bereaved family: **Gloria Agloro (†); Clara Laurente**; children **Nelson & Deborah Famorca, Deanna & George Brainard**; sister **Luz V. Guanzon**; brother **Jaime**; grandchildren **Bong, Popsie, Sheryl, Mimi, Vincent, Collins & Ian**; and great grandchildren and other relatives request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Sta. Rita Church, Philamlife Homes, Quezon City.

Cremation will be on Saturday, July 5, 2003,
2:00 p.m. at Funeraria Paz, Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

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## *Narceo "ES" F. Sambrano*

*Died peacefully on July 2, 2003*
*at the age of 82.*

His wife **Nenita** (†); children Sonny and **Lita, Tiza** and **Alex**, and **Fatso** (†); grandchildren and great grandchildren request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Bonifacio Chapel, La Funeraria Paz-Sucat (inside Manila Memorial Park), Parañaque.

Cremation will be on Saturday, July 5, 2003.

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# CLASSIFIEDS

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**INVITATION TO BID FOR SURPLUS PIPES, I-BEAM, JUNK HEAVY EQUIPMENT, WASTE OIL AND OTHER UNSERVICEABLE ITEMS "AS-IS, WHERE-IS" BASIS**

DATE OF BIDDING: July 16, 2003, 2:00 p.m., Solarium Multi-Functional Room, NPC Head Diliman, Quezon City.

The National Power Corporation will conduct public bidding for the sale of the following junk and unserviceable items:

| ITEM DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION | MINIMUM BID PRICE |
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| 1. One (1) lot of pipes and I-beams, various length and sizes surplus materials located at Bataan Combined Cycle Power Plant and Bataan Thermal Power Plant, Limay, Bataan (BTPP) | P 1,040,110.00 per lot |
| 2. One (1) lot junk heavy equipment and AUV consisting of Grove Crane, Terex loader, forklift and AUV Pick-Up located at BTPP | P 137,000.00 per lot |
| 3. One (1) lot of junk aircons 47 units, welding machine 5 units, batteries various type 146 located at BTPP | P 34,070.00 per lot |
| 4 Waste of fuel 296 drums, high viscocity located at BTPP | P 14,800.00 per lot |

ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

1. FIVE PER CENT (5%) PROPOSAL BOND DEPOSIT IN THE FORM OF CASH OR MANAGER'S CHECK.
2. LATEST INCOME TAX RETURN OF THE BIDDER OR FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE COMPANY (2002, original or certified true copy of BIR).
3. DENR PERMIT TO OPERATE WASTE TREATMENT FACILITIES AND PERMIT TO OPERATE AIR POLLUTION SOURCE AND CONTROL INSTALLATIONS (for Item no. 4 bidders only).

All interested parties who wish to secure bid forms must present a valid Tax Identification Card or Income Tax Return.

Interested parties who wish to participate in the public bidding may secure the bid form at P500.00/set from Mr. S.V. Lomuntad, Jr. at Bldg 1 Ground Floor, NPC Head Office corner Agham Road and Quezon Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City or call tel. no. 924-5384 Deadline for issuance of bid form is 4:30 p.m. July 15, 2003

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under Act 3135 As Amended Act 4113

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. 03-1967

SPOUSES BENJAMIN C. DOMINGO
and NELLY DOMINGO,
Mortgagors.

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**"NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE"**

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended filed by Florinda O Cardona, Mortgagee, against the above-mortgagors, Spouses Benjamin C. Domingo and Nelly Domingo, with residence and postal address at Blk. 6 Lot II, Tatalon, Quezon City, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of April 22, 2003, amounts to Three Million Thirty Six Thousand Pesos (PhP 3,036,000.00) interest thereon plus attorney's fees, sheriff's fees and foreclosure expenses. The Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Sheriff, thru the undersigned Deputy Sheriff will sell at public auction on July 18, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Manila City Hall facing Philippine Normal University, on the highest bidders, for cash and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements to wit

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 253065
B–T-1532 P–65

"A PARCEL OF LAND (Lot 13-B-2-A of the subdivision plan psd-00-057117, being a portion of Lot 13-B-2 Psd-00-052090, LRC No. 11546), situated in the District of Sta. Cruz, City of Manila, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the SW., along line 1-2 by Callejon (2.00 m wide), on the W., along line 2-3 by Lot 13-B-1, Psd-00-052090, on the N., along line 3-4 by Tayuman Street; and on the E. along line 4-1 by Lot 13-B-2-B of the subdivision plan. Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan, being S. 46 deg. 02'E., 836.06 m. from BLIM NO. 52, Manila Cadastre, thence N. 85 deg. 44'W., 2.98 m. to point 2; thence N. 4 deg. 17'E., 16.58 m. to point 3, thence N. 83 deg. 41'E 2.98 m. to point 4; thence P. 4 deg. 07., 17.12 m. to the point of beginning, containing an area of FIFTY (50) SQUARE METERS.

is registered in the name of Spouses Benjamin C. Domingo and Nelly Domingo of legal age, married, Filipino citizen. Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the titles herein above described, encumbrances, therein, if any thereby.

Manila, Philippines, June 23, 2003.

(Sgd.) Jennifer H. dela Cruz-Buendia
Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio
Sheriff, Manila

(Sgd.) Francisco C. Salvador
Sheriffs-in-charge

Copy furnished:
Spouses Benjamin C. Domingo and Nelly Domingo
Blk. 6 Lot 11 Tatalon, Quezon City

Francisco Benedicto III
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**INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION**
For Contract No. ADB/OAS-2003/048

1. The Asian Development Bank (ADB), a multilateral development finance institution headquartered in Manila, Philippines, invites interested parties to apply for pre-qualification in the bidding of ADB's Facade Restoration and Water Proofing Services, ADB West Core Segment A – Office Tower.

2. The Contractor shall build, install and supply the materials, tools, equipment, labor and supervision for the restoration and water proofing of the ADB Facade, West Core, Segment A – Office Tower located at the ADB Headquarters Building, 6 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila in accordance with the policies, standards and procedures established by ADB. The project consist of but not limited to the following: stripping existing sealant, wood nailers, wood sleepers, marine plywood backing; removal of pavers and insulations; change waterproofing and repair of damaged membrane waterproofing; lightweight concreting works installation of aluminum grating and other related works.

3. This invitation is open to firms and voluntary formed joint ventures from ADB member countries who meet the minimum requirements specified in the pre-qualification documents including among others:
   a. Have an independent legal existence as a validly registered company, or a joint venture partnership (under joint and several liability) for at least 5 years or more with a trade specialization, experience and capabilities for stripping existing sealant, wood nailers, wood sleepers, marine plywood backing; removal of pavers and insulations; change waterproofing and repair of damaged membrane waterproofing, lightweight concreting works, installation of aluminum grating and other related works.
   b. Have a valid Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board (PCAB) License, Class A, for the current year;
   c. Have a sound financial and credit position over the past 3 years (Average annual revenues of at least PhP5 million over the past 3 years from general construction or similar services, credit line facility of at least P500,000.00 from its depository bank or its suppliers; with a sound financial position).
   d. The Project Manager should be a Civil Engineer with at least 5 years of experience for this type of service or similar service. The Foreman/Site supervisor should have at least 5 years experience in general construction and similar services.
   e. Have at least three (3) current and previous major construction projects or corporate accounts with similar scope of services.

4. Pre-qualification documents may be obtained from the Head Contracts Section, General Services Division, Office of Administrative Services (OAS), Room 4221N at the above address, from 7 to 9 July 2003 on any working day (8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)

5. This invitation does not entail any commitment on the part of the ADB, either financial or otherwise. Any cost of preparation for pre-qualification shall be borne solely by the applicant. The ADB reserves the right to accept or reject any application for pre-qualification.

(Sgd.) NORMIN S. PAKPAHAN
Director, General Services Division
Office of Administrative Services

(PDI – July 3 & 4, 2003)

## FOREWORD

In 1981, the Board of Pardons and Parole issued its first handbook containing a compilation of policies and guidelines that had evolved through the years since the enactment on December 5, 1933 of Act No. 4103, otherwise known as the "Indeterminate Sentence Law", as amended. It was revised in 1990 to make it more simple and easily understood by the ordinary layman, particularly the prisoner who wishes to avail of the benefits of parole and executive clemency.

More than ten (10) years have elapsed, hence it has become imperative to revise again the Rules of the Board to conform with recent legislative enactments and executive issuances. The Board merely implements the laws, its interpretation by the Courts, and the policies emanating from them, as enunciated by the President. On the basis of these guidelines the Board has come up with its working procedures which are embodied in the present 2003 Rules on Parole and General Guidelines for Recommending Executive Clemency.

It is hoped that these Rules and Guidelines will serve as a handy manual to correctional workers, lawyers, prisoners and their families, and the general public to learn and understand the workings and mechanics of the Board of Pardons and Parole. It is also envisioned that the prisoner, or anybody in his behalf, will know the steps he has to take in applying for grants of parole and executive clemency.

Manila, Philippines

26 June 2003

SIMEON A. DATUMANONG
Secretary of Justice

Department of Justice
**BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLE**
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# RULES ON PAROLE

Pursuant to Act No. 4103, otherwise known as "The Indeterminate Sentence Law," as amended by, among others, Section 21, Title III, Book IV of Executive Order No. 292 dated July 25, 1987, otherwise known as "The Administrative Code of 1987", the following Rules on Parole are hereby promulgated:

## RULE 1
## GENERAL PROVISIONS

**RULE 1.1.** *Purpose of the Law and Duty of the Board* – The purpose of Act No. 4103, as amended, otherwise known as the "Indeterminate Sentence Law", is to uplift and redeem valuable human material to economic usefulness and to prevent unnecessary and excessive deprivation of personal liberty. Under Section 5 of said Act, it is the duty of the Board of Pardons and Parole to look into the physical, mental and moral record of prisoners who are eligible for parole and to determine the proper time of release of such prisoners on parole.

**RULE 1.2.** *Definition of Terms* – As used in these Rules, unless the context indicates otherwise –

a. **"Board"** refers to the Board of Pardons and Parole;
b. **"Carpeta"** refers to the institutional record of an inmate which consists of his *mittimus* or commitment order issued by the Court after conviction, the prosecutor's information and the decisions of the trial court and the appellate court, if any; certificate of non-appeal, certificate of detention and other pertinent documents of the case;
c. **"Director"** refers to the Director of the Bureau of Corrections;
d. **"Parole"** refers to the conditional release of a prisoner from a correctional institution after he has served the minimum of his prison sentence;
e. **"Parole Supervision"** refers to the supervision/surveillance by a Probation and Parole Officer of a parolee;
f. **"Parolee"** refers to a prisoner who is released on parole;
g. **"Penal Superintendent"** refers to the Officer-In-Charge of the New Bilibid Prison, the Correctional Institution for Women and the prison and penal farms of the Bureau of Corrections;
h. **"Prison Record"** refers to information concerning an inmate's personal circumstances, the offense he committed, the sentence imposed, the criminal case number in the trial and appellate courts, the date he commenced serving his sentence, the date he was received for confinement, the place of confinement, the date of expiration of the sentence, the number of previous convictions, if any, and his behavior or conduct while in prison;
i. **"Probation and Parole Officer"** refers to the Probation and Parole Officer undertaking the supervision of the parolee;
j. **"Regional Director"** refers to the Head of the Parole and Probation Administration in the region;
k. **"Release Document"** refers to the "Discharge on Parole" issued by the Board; and
l. **"Warden"** refers to the Officer-in-Charge of the Provincial, City, Municipal or District Jail.

## RULE 2
## RULES IN CONSIDERING PAROLE CASES

### Part A. Eligibility for Review and Disqualifications

**RULE 2.1.** *Eligibility for Review of A Parole Case* – A prisoner's case shall not be eligibile for review by the Board unless:

a. the prisoner is confined in prison or jail to serve an indeterminate sentence, the maximum period of which exceeds one (1) year, pursuant to a final judgment of conviction, which has become final and executory; and
b. he has served the minimum period of said sentence.

**RULE 2.2.** *Disqualifications for Parole* – Pursuant to, among others, Section 2 of Act. No. 4103, as amended, otherwise known as the "Indeterminate Sentence Law", said Act shall not apply, and parole shall not be granted, to the following prisoners:

a. Those convicted of an offense punished with the death penalty, *reclusion perpetua* or life imprisonment;
b. Those convicted of treason, conspiracy or proposal to commit treason or espionage;
c. Those convicted of misprision of treason, rebellion, sedition or *coup d'etat*;
d. Those convicted to piracy or mutiny on the high seas or Philippine waters;
e. Those who are habitual delinquents, i.e., those who, within a period of ten (10) years from the date of release from prison or last conviction of the crimes of serious or less serious physical injuries, robbery, theft, *estafa*, and falsification, are found guilty of any of said crimes a third time or oftener;
f. Those who escaped from confinement or evaded sentence;
g. Those who having been granted conditional pardon by the President of the Philippines shall have violated any of the terms thereof;
h. Those whose maximum term of imprisonment does not exceed one (1) year or those with definite sentence;
i. Those suffering from any mental disorder as certified by a government psychiatrist/psychologist;
j. Those whose conviction is on appeal or has not yet become final and executory;

In case the prisoner has one or more co-accused who had been convicted, the Director/Warden concerned shall forward their prison records and carpetas at the same time.

k. Those who have pending criminal case/s;
l. Those national prisoners serving sentence in a municipal, city, district or provincial jail unless the confinement in said jail is in good faith or due to circumstances beyond the prisoners' control;

A national prisoner, for purposes of these Rules, is one who is sentenced to a maximum term of imprisonment of more than three (3) years or to a fine of more than five thousand pesos; or regardless of the length of sentence imposed by the Court, to one sentenced for violation of the customs law or other laws within the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Customs or enforceable by it, or to one sentenced to serve two (2) or more prison sentences in the aggregate exceeding the period of three (3) years.

### Part B. Form and Contents of Petition

**RULE 2.3.** *Review Upon Petition or Motu Proprio; Form and Contents of Petition* - A parole case may be reviewed by the Board upon petition or *motu proprio*. Where a petition is filed by, or on behalf of, a prisoner, the form of said petition shall substantially comply with the prescribed by the Board and shall clearly show the following:

a. that the prisoner's case is eligible for review by the Board; and
b. that he is not disqualified from being granted parole;

### Part C. Procedure

**RULE 2.4.** *Transmittal of Carpeta and Prison Record* - The Director or Warden concerned shall send a prisoner's prison record and *carpeta* to the Board at least one (1) month prior to the date when his case shall be eligible for review.

**RULE 2.5.** *Publication of Names of Prisoners Being Considered for Parole* - The Board shall cause the publication in a newspaper of general circulation the names of prisoners convicted of heinous crimes or those sentenced to reclusion perpetua or life imprisonment and whose sentence has been commuted to an indeterminate prison term and may be considered for release on parole.

**RULE 2.6.** *Notice to Offended Party* – In addition to the publication in a newspaper of national circulation, the offended party, or his immediate relatives in the event that the offended party is unable or otherwise not available, shall be notified personally or by registered mail and given a period of thirty (30) days from notice within which to communicate their comment to the Board regarding the contemplated grant of parole to the prisoner.

**RULE 2.7.** *Deferment of Parole When Safety Compromised* – If, based on the report on pre-parole investigation conducted on the prisoner, there is clear and convincing evidence that his release on parole will endanger his own life or those of his relatives, or the life, safety and well-being of the victim, his relatives, his witnesses, and the community, the release of the prisoner shall be deferred until the danger ceases.

### Part D. Proceedings of the Board

**RULE 2.8.** *Factors to be Considered in Review of Parole Cases* – The following factors may be considered by the Board in its review of a parole case:

a. the degree of prisoner's rehabilitation and his institutional behavior or conduct;
b. previous criminal record, if any, and the risk to other persons, including the victim and witnesses and their family and friends, or the community in general, or the possibility of retaliation by the victim, his family and friends;
c. the gravity of the offense and the manner in which it was committed, and prisoner's attitude towards the offense and his degree of remorse;
d. evidence that the prisoner will be legitimately employed upon release, or has a place where he will reside; and
e. the age of the prisoner and the availability of after-care services for the prisoner who is old, seriously ill or suffering from a physical disability.

**RULE 2.9.** *Grant of Parole* – The Board may grant a prisoner parole based on reports regarding the prisoner's work and conduct and on the study and investigation by the Board itself and it finds the following circumstances are present;

a. That the prisoner is fitted by his training for release;
b. That there is a reasonable probability that, if released, he will live and remain at liberty without violating the law; and
c. That his release will not be incompatible with the welfare of society.

**RULE 2.10.** *Meetings* – The Board shall meet in executive session regularly or upon the call of the Chairman.

**RULE 2.11.** *Quorum* – A majority of all the members of the Board shall constitute quorum.

**RULE 2.12.** *Board Action* – A majority of the members of the Board, constituting a quorum, shall be necessary to support a decision of the board or to carry out any action. However, in order to grant parole, to modify any of the terms and conditions appearing in a Release Document, to order the arrest and recommitment of a parolee, and to issue certificate of Final Release and Discharge to a parole, the decision or action must be supported by at least four (4) votes of the members of the Board.

The minutes of the meeting of the Board shall show the votes of its individual members and the reason or reasons for voting for or against any matter presented for the approval of the Board. Any dissent from the decision to grant or deny parole shall be reduced in writing and shall form part of the records of the proceedings.

## RULE 3
## RULES AFTER GRANT OF PAROLE

### Part A. Parole Supervision

**RULE 3.1.** *Release; Form of Release Document* – A prisoner shall be released upon the grant of parole. Such grant of parole shall be evidenced by the Release Document, which shall be in the form prescribed by the Board and shall contain the latest 1" x 1" photograph and right thumbprint of the prisoner.

**RULE 3.2.** *Transmittal of Release Document* – The Board shall send a copy of the Release Document to the prisoner through the Director of Corrections or Warden of the jail where he is confined. On the date of actual release of the prisoner, the Director or Warden concerned shall send a certification of said release to the Probation and Parole Officer specified in the Release Document.

**RULE 3.3.** *Parole Supervision* – After release from confinement, the parolee shall be placed under the supervision of the Probation and Parole Officer specified in the Release Document so that the former may be guided and assisted towards rehabilitation. The period of parole supervision shall extend up to the expiration of the maximum sentence which should appear in the Release Document.

**RULE 3.4.** *Presentation to Probation and Parole Officer* – Within the period prescribed in his Release Document, the parolee shall present himself to the Probation and Parole Officer specified in the Release Document for supervision.

If the parolee fails to report within forty five (45) days from the date of his release from confinement, the Probation and Parole Officer shall inform the Board of such failure for the Board's appropriate action.

**RULE 3.5.** *Arrival Report* – Within fifteen (15) working days from the date when the parolee reported for supervision, the Probation and Parole Officer concerned shall inform the Board, through the Technical Service of the Parole and Probation Administration, of such fact.

**RULE 3.6.** *Mandatory Conditions of Supervision* – It shall be mandatory for a parolee to comply with the terms and conditions appearing in the Release Document.

**RULE 3.7.** *Review and Modification of Conditions* – The Board, may, motu proprio or upon recommendation of the Probation and Parole Officer, revise or modify the terms and conditions appearing in the Release Document.

**RULE 3.8.** *Transfer of Residence* – A parolee may not transfer from the place of residence designated in his Release Document without the prior written approval of the Regional Director subject to the confirmation of the Board.

**RULE 3.9.** *Outside Travel* - A Chief Probation and Parole Officer may authorize a parolee to travel outside his area of operational jurisdiction for a period of not more than thirty (30) days. A travel for more than 30 days shall be approved by the Regional Director.

**RULE 3.10.** *Travel Abroad and/or Work Abroad* – Any parolee under active supervision/surveillance who has no pending criminal case in any court may apply for overseas work or travel abroad. However, such application for travel abroad shall be approved by the Parole and Probation Administrator and confirmerd by the Board.

**RULE 3.11.** *Death of Parolee* - If a parolee dies during parole supervision, the Probation and Parole Officer shall immediately transmit a certified true copy of the parolee's death certificate to the Board recommending the closing of the case. However, in the absence of a death certificate, an affidavit narrating the circumstances of the fact of death from the *barangay* chairman or any authorized officer or any immediate relative where the parolee resided, shall suffice.

### Part B. Infraction/Violation of the Terms and Conditions of the Release Document

**RULE 3.12.** *Reports* – The Probation and Parole Officer concerned shall submit the following reports to the Board:

a. A Progress Report when a parolee commits another offense during the period of his parole supervision and the case filed against him has not yet been decided by the court or on the conduct of the parolee while under supervision;
b. An Infraction Report when the parolee has been subsequently convicted of another crime;
c. A Violation Report when a parolee commits any violation of the terms and conditions appearing in his Release Document or any serious deviation or non-observance of the obligations set forth in the parole supervision program.

**RULE 3.13.** *Arrest of Parolee* – Upon receipt of an Infraction Report, the Board may order the arrest of recommitment of the parolee.

**RULE 3.14.** *Effect of Recommitment of Parolee* – The parolee who is recommitted to prison by the Board shall be made to serve the remaining unexpired portion of the maximum sentence for which he was originally committed to prison.

**RULE 3.15.** *Withdrawal of Release Document* – The Board may recommend the withdrawal of the Release Document if it finds that material information given by the parolee to the Board, either before or after release, was false, or incomplete or that the parolee had willfully or maliciously concealed material information from the Board.

### Part C. Termination of Parole Supervision

**RULE 3.16.** *Summary Report* - After the expiration of the maximum sentence of a parolee, the Probation and Parole Officer concerned shall submit to the Board, through the Chief Probation and Parole Officer, a Summary Report on his supervision of a parolee.

The clearances from the police, court, prosecutor's office and *barangay* officials shall be attached to the Summary Report.

**RULE 3.17.** *Certificate of Final Release and Discharge* – Upon receipt of the Summary Report, the Board shall, upon the recommendation of the Chief Probation and Parole Officer that the parolee has substantially complied with all the conditions of his Release Document, issue to the parolee a certificate of Final Release and Discharge.

**RULE 3.18.** *Effect of Certificate of Final Release and Discharge* – Upon the issuance of a certificate of Final Release and Discharge, the parolee shall be finally released and discharged from the conditions appearing in his release document. However, the accessory penalties of the law which have not been expressly remitted therein shall subsist.

**RULE 3.19.** *Transmittal of Certificate of Final Release and Discharge* – The Board shall forward a certified true copy of the certificate of Final Release and Discharge to the parolee, the Court which imposed the sentence, the Probation and Parole Officer concerned, the Bureau of Corrections, the National Bureau of Investigation, the Philippine National Police, and the Office of the President.

## RULE 4
## REPEALING AND EFFECTIVITY CLAUSES

**RULE 4.1.** *Repealing Clause* – The Rules and Regulations of the Board of Pardons and Parole dated 20 December 1989 and The Revised Rules and Regulations of the Board of Pardons and Parole dated 26 November 2002 are hereby repealed, and all other existing rules, regulations and resolutions of the Board which are inconsistent with these Rules are likewise repealed or amended accordingly.

**RULE 4.2.** *Effectivity Clause* – These Rules shall take effect upon approval by the Secretary of Justice and fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Done in Quezon City, this 26th day of June 2003.

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# GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR RECOMMENDING EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

## GENERAL PROVISIONS

**SECTION 1.** *Plenary Power of the President to Grant Executive Clemency* – Under Section 19, Article VII of the Constitution, except in cases of impeachment, or as otherwise provided in the Constitution, the President may grant reprieves, commutations, and pardons, and remit fines and forfeitures, after conviction by final judgment. Executive clemency rests exclusively within the sound discretion of the President, and is exercised with the objective of preventing a miscarriage of justice or correcting a manifest injustice, such as when there exist extraordinary circumstances in which the strict application of the law will result in manifest injustice.

These guidelines are meant solely for the guidance of the Board of Pardons and Parole (hereafter the "Board") in the performance of its duty to assist the President in exercising the power of executive clemency. These guidelines create no vested or enforceable rights in persons applying for executive clemency.

These guidelines do not restrict the plenary authority granted to the President under Section 19, Article VII of the Constitution. The President may review, revise, amend, revoke or affirm the recommendation of the Board; refer any matter pertaining to executive clemency to the Board or to any other agency; or act *motu proprio* or upon the recommendation of the Board or of any other agency.

**SECTION 2.** *Consideration of Cases for Executive Clemency* – The Board may consider cases for executive clemency upon petition, or referral of the Office of the President, or *motu proprio*.

**SECTION 3.** *Extraordinary Circumstances* – The Board shall recommend to the President the grant of executive clemency only when there exist extraordinary circumstances such that the strict application of the law will result in manifest injustice, such as when any of the following circumstances are present:

a. The trial court or appellate court in its decision recommended the grant of executive clemency or the prisoner;
b. Under the peculiar circumstances of the case, the penalty imposed is too harsh compared to the crime committed;
c. Youthful offenders who are over nine (9) years but under eighteen (18) years of age at the time of the commission of the offense;
d. Prisoners who are seventy (70) years old and above whose continued imprisonment is inimical to their health on humanitarian reasons;
e. Those who are terminally-ill as certified by a panel of three (3) government physician composed of a physicians designated by the Director of the Bureau of Corrections, the Director of the Malacañang Clinic, and a physician designated by the Secretary of Health;
f. Alien prisoners where diplomatic considerations and amity among nations necessitate review;
g. Such other similar or analogous circumstances whenever the interest of justice will be served thereby.

However, notwithstanding the existence of any extraordinary circumstance, including those enumerated above the Board shall not favorably recommend petitions for executive clemency of the following prisoners.

a. Those convicted of Evasion of Service of Sentence;
b. Those who violated the conditions of their Conditional Pardon;
c. Those who are habitual delinquents or recidivists;
d. Those convicted of Kidnapping for Ransom;
e. Those convicted of violation of Republic Act No. 6425, as amended, otherwise known as "The Dangerous Drugs Act of 1972," or Republic Act No. 9165, also known as "The Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002", and other drug-related offenses;
f. Those convicted of offenses committed under the influence of drugs; and
g. Those who release from prison may constitute a danger to society.

## FORM AND CONTENTS OF PETITION

**SECTION 4.** *Petition* – When a petition is filed by, or on behalf of , a prisoner, the form of said petition shall substantially comply with the form prescribed by the Board and shall clearly show the following:

a. the prisoner's biographic data;
b. the details of his conviction; and
c. the grounds upon which executive clemency is sought.

## PROCEDURE

**SECTION 5.** *Referral to Government Agencies* – The Board may, in its discretion, refer a petition for executive clemency to a Probation and Parole Officer who shall submit within thirty (30) days from receipt of referral a Report on the behavior, character antecedents, mental and physical condition of the petitioner, and the results of the National Bureau of Investigation records check.

The Board shall refer matters pertaining to executive clemency for comment and recommendation as follows:

a. To the Commission on Elections, if it involves violation of election laws, rules and regulations, as required by Sec. 5, Art. IX-C of the Constitution which provides that no pardon, amnesty, parole, or suspension of sentence for violation of election laws, rules and regulations shall be granted by the President without the favorable recommendation of the Commission on Elections;
b. To the Secretary of National Defense and the Secretary of Interior and Local Government, if a case for executive clemency involves crimes against national security or public order or the law of nations; and
c. To the Department of Foreign Affairs, if the prisoner is an alien.

**SECTION 6.** *Transmittal of Carpeta and Prison Record* - The Director or Warden concerned shall forward the prison record and *carpeta* of a prisoner being considered for executive clemency.

**SECTION 7.** *Notice to Convicting Trial Judge, Prosecutor's Office, and Offended Party* – In all cases when a prisoner is being considered for executive clemency, the Board shall notify the following personally or by registered mail:

a. The convicting trial judge;
b. The prosecutor's office that handled the prosecution; and

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e. The offended party or, in the event that the offended party is unavailable for comment or otherwise cannot be located, the immediate relatives of the offended party.

Said persons and offices shall be given thirty (30) days from notice to comment on whether or not executive clemency may be granted to the prisoner.

SECTION 8. *Publication of Names of Those Being Considered for Executive Clemency* – The Board shall cause the publication in a newspaper of national circulation the names of prisoners who are being considered for executive clemency.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD

SECTION 9. *Board Deliberation* – Any matter pertaining to executive clemency, including petitions for executive clemency, shall be decided by the Board only after deliberation during a meeting where there is a quorum.

SECTION 10. *Board Meetings* – The Board shall meet once a week, or oftener upon call by the Chairman, to deliberate matters pertaining to executive clemency.

SECTION 11. *Quorum* – A majority of all the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 12. *Contents of Minutes of Board Meeting* – The minutes of the meeting of the Board shall show the votes of its individual members and the reason(s) for voting for or against recommending the grant of executive clemency. Where at least four (4) members vote in favor of recommending the grant of executive clemency, the vote of any dissenting member shall be reduced in writing and shall form part of the records of the proceedings of the Board.

SECTION 13. *Opposition to Grant of Executive Clemency* – when an opposition to the grant of executive clemency is filed, the Board shall consider the same and may, in its discretion, require the oppositor to submit supporting evidence.

SECTION 14. *Documents to be Considered* – In determining whether there exist extraordinary circumstances such that the strict application of the law will result in manifest injustice, and whether to recommend to the President the grant of executive clemency, the Board shall consider all relevant documents, such as the *carpeta* and prison record of the prisoner, the *mittimus* or commitment order, prosecutor's information and the decision of the trial and appellate courts.

SECTION 15. *Board Recommendation, Resolution and Certification* – At least four (4) votes of the members of the Board shall be necessary to recommend the grant of executive clemency. Said recommendation shall be contained in a resolution of the Board to be submitted to the Office of the President, the form of which shall substantially be as follows:

"RESOLUTION NO. ____
re *(Name of Prisoner or Prisoners)*

"During the meeting of the Board of Pardons and Parole held on *(Date)*, at *(Time)*, at *(Place)*, where the following members, constituting a quorum, were present:

"*(Indicate members present or absent)*

"1. The Board discussed the matter concerning the grant of executive clemency in favor of *(Name of prisoner or prisoners)*, with the following circumstances:

*a.* *(A summary of the decision of the trial and appellate courts, indicating the crime for which the prisoner(s) was charged and convicted and the date when his conviction become final;)*
*b.* *(His personal circumstances;)*
*c.* *(The place where he is serving his sentence and the date when he commenced the same; and)*
*d.* *(The actual time spent in prison [does not include Good Conduct Time Allowance]:)*

"2. After due deliberation the Board has found extraordinary circumstances present in the case such that the strict application of the law will result in manifest injustice, particularly *(Explanation of what extraordinary circumstances are present)*;

"3. After due deliberation, the Board, by the vote of at least four (4) members, hereby recommends to the President of the Philippines the grant of executive clemency in favor of the abovenamed individual(s) in the form of *(State whether the executive clemency being recommended is in the form of absolute pardon, conditional pardon, commutation of sentence, or reprieve; If commutation, state the period; If reprieve, state the date certain)*

for the reason that *(State the reason why said form, or said period, or said date certain, is being recommended)*.

"We, the undersigned Chairman and Members of the Board of Pardons and Parole, hereby certify that after meeting and due deliberation, we have determined that there exist extraordinary circumstances such that the strict application of the law will result in manifest injustice in the case(s) of the individual(s) mentioned above and that said individuals) deserve the grant of executive clemency by the President."

Where at least four (4) members vote in favor of recommending the grant of executive clemency, the vote of any dissenting member and the reasons therefor shall be stated in the resolution of the Board.

SECTION 16. *Supporting Documents* – The Board shall submit all relevant documents to the Office of the President along with its resolution recommending the grant of executive clemency, including the following documents:

a. Summary in matrix form of the following information about the prisoner:
    i. Name;
    ii. Crime for which convicted;
    iii. Penalty imposed;
    iv. Actual time spent in prison (not including Good Conduct Time Allowance)
    v. If recommended for commutation:
        (a) Recommended commuted term;
        (b) Time to be served without commutation;
        (c) Time to be served with commutation;
    vi. Statement whether:
        (a) Convicted (prior or subsequent to conviction of crime for which executive clemency is sought) for Kidnap for Ransom or any drug-related offense; and
        (b) Previously granted executive clemency.
b. The prisoner's *carpeta*, prison record, and *mittimus* or commitment order;
c. The prosecutor's information, the decision of the trial court, the decision of the appellate courts, if any, and the certificate of finality of judgment; and
d. Pertinent minutes of the Board meetings.

## GUIDELINES AFTER GRANT OF EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

SECTION 17. *Implementation of President's Grant of Executive Clemency* – Upon receipt from the Office of the President of the documents evidencing the President's grant of executive clemency, the Board shall cause the immediate implementation of said grant of executive clemency.

The Board shall send a copy of said document to the prisoner, through the Director of the Bureau of Corrections or Warden of the jail where he is confined.

SECTION 18. *Certification of Release* – When the grant of executive clemency entitles the prisoner to be released from prison, the Director of the Bureau of Corrections or Warden of the jail where he is confined shall, on the date of actual release of the prisoner, send a certification of release to the Board and, if the document evidencing the President's grant of executive clemency so states, to the concerned Probation and Parole Officer.

SECTION 19. *Monitoring of Compliance with Conditions of Pardon* – Where the President grants conditional pardon to a prisoner the Board shall monitor the prisoner's compliance with the conditions in posed for the duration of the period stated in the document evidencing the President's grant of executive clemency. The Board shall also determine whether said prisoner has complied with or violated the conditions of his pardon.

To assist the Board in monitoring compliance with the conditions imposed upon pardon, the Board shall place the prisoner under the supervision of a Probation and Parole Officer.

SECTION 20. *Presentation to Probation and Parole Officer* – Within the period prescribed in the document evidencing the President's grant of executive clemency, the prisoner shall present himself to the Probation and Parole Officer concerned. The Probation and Parole Officer shall inform the Board if the prisoner fails to report within forty five (45) days from the date of his release from confinement.

SECTION 21. *Arrival Report* – The Probation and Parole Officer shall submit his Arrival Report to the Board, through the Technical Service of the Parole and Probation Administration, within fifteen (15) working days from the date when the prisoner reported the supervision.

SECTION 22. *Violation Report* – If a prisoner granted conditional pardon violates any of the conditions of his conditional pardon or commits any serious deviation or non-observance of the obligations imposed under the supervision program, the Probation and Parole Officer concerned shall immediately submit a Violation Report to the Board.

SECTION 23. *Infraction and Progress Report* – If a prisoner granted conditional pardon is charged with committing another offense during the period of his supervision, the Probation and Parole Officer concerned shall periodically submit a Progress Report to the Board detailing the progress of the case filed against the prisoner. If said prisoner is eventually convicted, the same officer shall submit an Infraction Report.

SECTION 24. *Death of Prisoner Under Supervision* – If a prisoner granted conditional pardon dies during the period of supervision, the Probation and Parole Officer shall immediately transmit a certified true copy of the prisoner's death certificate to the Board recommending the closing of the case. However, in the absence of a death certificate, an affidavit narrating the circumstances of the fact of death from the *barangay* chairman or any authorized officer or any immediate relative where the prisoner resided, shall suffice.

SECTION 25. *Recommendation for Arrest of Prisoner for Violation of Conditions of Pardon* – Upon determination that a prisoner granted conditional pardon has violated the conditions of his pardon, the Board shall recommend his arrest or recommitment to the President.

Section 26. *Summary Report* – Upon the expiration of the period stated in the document evidencing the President's grant of executive clemency, the Probation and Parole Officer concerned shall submit to the Board, through the Chief Probation and Parole Officer, a Summary Report on his supervision of the prisoner.

The clearances from the police, court, prosecutor's office and *barangay* officials shall be attached to the Summary Report.

Section 27. *Certificate of Compliance with Conditional Pardon* – Upon receipt of the Summary Report, the Board shall, upon the recommendation of the Chief Probation and Parole Officer that the prisoner granted conditional pardon has complied with all the conditions of his pardon, issue a Certificate of Compliance with Conditional Pardon.

Section 28. *Transmittal of Certificate of Compliance with Conditional Pardon* – The Board shall forward a certified true copy of the Certificate of Compliance with Conditional Pardon to the prisoner, the Court which imposed the sentence, the Probation and Parole Officer concerned, the Bureau of Corrections, the National Bureau of Investigation, the Philippine National Police, and the Office of the President.

Section 29. *Executive Clemency of an Alien* – An alien who is released on pardon shall be referred to the Bureau of Immigration for disposition, documentation and appropriate action.

## REPEALING AND EFFECTIVITY CLAUSES

SECTION 30. *Repealing Clause* – The portions pertaining to executive clemency of The Rules and Regulations of the Board of Pardons and Parole dated 20 December 1989 and The Revised Rules and Regulations of the Board of Pardons and Parole dated 26 November 2002 are hereby repealed, and all other existing rules, regulations and resolutions of the Department of Justice and the Board which are inconsistent with these Guidelines are likewise repealed or amended accordingly.

SECTION 31. *Effectivity Clause* – These Guidelines shall take effect upon approval by the Secretary of Justice and fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Done in Quezon City, this 26th day of June 2003.

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(PDI–July 4, 2003)

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**TransCo**
**National Transmission Corporation**

Date June 30, 2003
Reference No.:

## INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

1. Contract Code **Sp98.KBSS.Vt.0233**
Title **Construction, Erection and Installation of 138 & 69KV Substation Equipment under the Negros III - Panay III Substation Projects, Schedule II - Bacolod Substation**
Location **Brgy. Mansilingan, Bacolod City**

2. The works to be completed by the successful bidder shall consist of furnishing all superintendence, labor, materials, supplies, tools and equipment (except materials and equipment specified to be furnished by TRANSCO), and constructing complete the subatation and installing all substation equipment to complete the Construction, Erection and Installation of 138 & 69kV Substation Equipment for Schedule II - Bacolod Substation in accordance with the Plans and Specifications. The work also includes construction of new control house open-sided warehouse, pump house, oil water separator and water tank and water tank foundation.

3. The Approved Budget for the Contract to be Bid is **FORTY THREE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED NINETY SIX (PHP 43,510,396.00)** from the Internal Cash Generation (ICG) of National Transmission Corporation.

4. Application for Eligibility is open to Filipino contractors who have the legal, technical and financial requisites of the contract to be bid/project with the following License and Registration Particulars:
License at least **"Category AA - Specialty: Electrical Works"**
Registration at least **"Large A - Specialty: Electrical Works"**

5. Application for Eligibility shall be evaluated using "PASS/FAIL" criteria and only Eligible Bidders shall be invited by Transco in the bidding. All bids equal to or lower than the Approved Budget for the Contract to be Bid shall be evaluated based on the responsiveness of the contractor's offer to the contract under bidding subject to Postqualification before an award is made. Bid Prices submitted higher than the Approved Budget for the Contract to be Bid shall be rejected and returned outright.

6. Eligibility Documents and Forms will be available for issuance on **July 01, 2003** at the Bids and Contracts Management Department, Second Floor, Building No. 2, NPC-OBC, National Transmission Corporation, Agham Road corner Quezon Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City 1104, Telefax No.: 921-2308 upon presentation of Letter of Intent, Contractor's License and a payment of non-refundable fee of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) per copy.

7. Deadline for submission of duly accomplished Application for Eligibility, Forms, documents and statements shall be on or before 5:00 p.m. of **August 01, 2003** and shall be submitted at the registration office and address mentioned above. If the date is a non-working day or declared non-working day, the deadline for submission shall be moved to the next working day immediately following said date. Late submission and/or incomplete application shall not be accepted.

8. Contractor, not yet included in the Transco's List of Registered Contractors, who wishes to participate in the public bidding, in order to facilitate eligibility check/screening, are requested to register with the registration office mentioned above by submitting the following basic requirements which should be maintained current and updated at least once a year. A Certificate of Registration will be issued to contractors upon approval.
    - Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) business name registration or Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) registration certificate, as appropriate;
    - Mayor's permit and/or municipal license for the current year;
    - Taxpayer's Identification Number;
    - Notarized statement of the prospective bidder that it is not "blacklisted" or barred from bidding by any government agency, office or corporation, including, in the case of procurement of civil works, non-inclusion in the "blacklist" of contractors issued by the CIAP;
    - Audited financial statements, stamped "received" by the BIR or its duly accredited and authorized institutions, for the immediately preceding calendar year, showing, among others, the prospective bidder's total and current assets and liabilities inclusive of Income Tax Return and Receipt
    - Contractor's License

9. TransCo reserves the right to reject any Application for Eligibility or all Bids or request for registration without offering any reasons, waive any required formality therein, and to make an award to the bidder whose proposal is most advantageous to the government.

10. Additional information shall be furnished upon request. All communications should be addressed to the undersigned at the aforementioned address.

(Sgd.) **WINIFREDO SM. PANGILINAN**
*Chairman, Bids and Awards Committee*

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**BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE**
Rm. 223 Building 255 Barryman Road, Subic Bay Freeport Zone, Philippines
TEL. NOS. (047) 252-4191/4713

## INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

All parties interested to bid for the project described below are invited to submit Application for Eligibility and to Bid with the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA), Subic Bay Freeport Zone. Only eligible contractors are invited to participate in the forthcoming bidding

A. Name of Project **PROPOSED GREENWOODS PARK DEVELOPMENT**
Location Sub-Com Area, Subic Bay Freeport Zone

B. Project Description/Scope of Works:

**Project Description/Scope of Works:**

Development of the site into a park and dining area to include the following

1. Civil Works - Demolition of existing structures, removal of trees and obstruction, and scraping of top soil, backfilling, construction of walk bridge, curb and gutter, and installation of drainage system.
2. Landscaping Work - Installation of park pavement, park furnitures and hardscaping works.
3. Electrical Works - Construction of metering banks and underground powerline ducting, installation of floodlights, park lamps, and power transformers.
4. Installation of water and sewer lines.
5. Other miscellaneous and incidental works indicated in the drawings to complete the projects.

C. Approved Budget Cost **Php 8 M (Locally Funded)**

D. Required PCAB Registration and Classification/License:

**PCAB Principal Qualification and Category**
**General Building "B"/General Engineering "B"**

**Kind of Project and Respective Size Ranges**
**Park, Playground or Recreation work "MA"**

**Sewerage or sewage system "SB"**

**Other Required PCAB Registration and Classification License**
**Specialty "C"**
**Electrical Works "SB"**

E. Cost of Qualification Statement/Forms

Php 500.00 (non-refundable)

Issuance date : July 7 to 8, 2003 only from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Engineering Department, PWTSG, SBMA
Rm. 223, Bldg. 255, Barryman Road, SBFZ

F. Deadline for submission of accomplished Prequalification/Eligibility Statements

July 15, 2003 @ 5:00 p.m.

**Addressed to:** ATTY. CHITO M. CRUZ
BAC Chairman / Sr. D.A. for Support Services
Rm. 205, Bldg. 229, Waterfront Road
Subic Bay Freeport Zone

G. Time and date of submission and opening of bids, Pre-Bid Conference and Site Inspection shall be confirmed in the Notice of Eligibles.

Application for Eligibility and to Bid is open to all contractors with valid PCAB (Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board) Contractors License and Registration. Prospective bidders are required to submit a **letter of intent and certified true copy of the Contractors License** upon purchase of the forms for Application for Eligibility and to Bid and shall bring the original copy of the Contractors PCAB License Classification Registration for verification and authentication purposes.

Bid Documents shall be issued only to the eligible contractors duly notified by SBMA in writing upon payment of the non-refundable cost of the documents.

All particulars relative to the eligibility process, bidding, evaluation of bids and awards of contract shall be governed by the latest provision of Executive Order # 40 and its Implementing Rules and Regulation.

The SBMA reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any defect therein and accept the offer it deems most advantageous to the Government.

(Sgd.) **Atty. CHITO M. CRUZ**
*BAC Chairman*

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A. Name of Project **RENOVATION OF BLDG. 29**
Location Subic Bay Freeport Zone

B. Project Description/Scope of Works:

**Project Description/Scope of Works:**

The proposed project shall include supervision and supply of all labor, materials and equipment, as follows:

- Demolition and Removal Works
- Installation of New:
    - Light Metal Partitions
    - Gypsum Board Wall Partitions
    - Wooden Bookshelves
    - Vinyl Tile Flooring
    - Wooden Doors
    - PVC Doors
    - Acoustic Ceiling
    - Skylight Roofing
- Painting of Building Interior
- Electrical Works
- Plumbing Works

C. Approved Budget Cost **Php 1.50 M (Locally Funded)**

D. Required PCAB Registration and Classification/License:

**PCAB Principal Qualification and Category**
**General Building "C"**

**Kind of Project and Respective Size Ranges**
**Building and Industrial Plant "SB"**

E. Cost of Qualification Statement/Forms

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For the Welfare of Consumers

# Consumers Union of the Philippines
## SINCE 1962

The Consumer Union of the Philippines, CUP for short, is the union of consumers throughout the country for their mutual benefits.

CUP was formed in 1962 by a group of civicspirited headed by Mr. Isidro S. Asuncion under the name of Consumers Association of the Philippines. But after a few years of operation and for reason beyond its control, the Consumers Association of the Philippines became inactive. In April 1970, the Association was reorganized under the dynamic leadership of Prof. Ermie A. Angeles who changed and gave the name, Consumers Union of the Philippines or CUP, for short.

CUP- is one of the biggest and premier consumer organizations in the country duly recognized by the goverment, business sector, civic religious group and consumer from all walks of life.

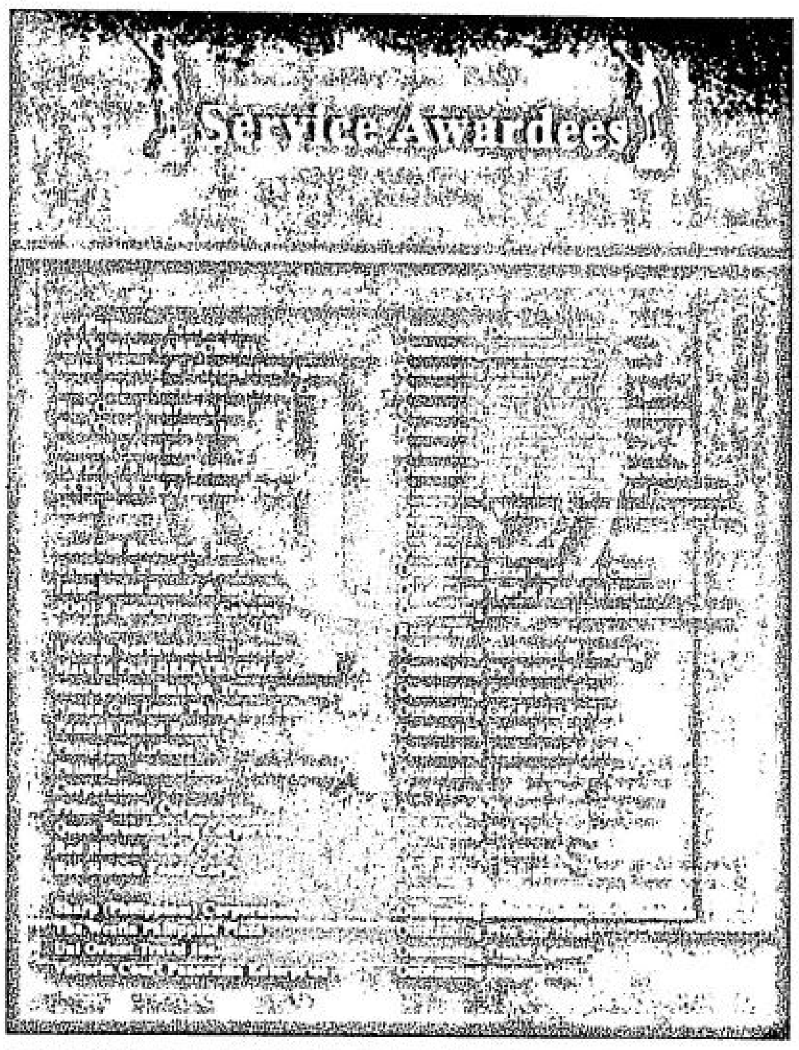
In this desire to be help not only for the consumer's welfare but also to give credit to businessmen, manufacture, and those invalid in the business circle, the CUP has organized the Annual National Consumers Award in 1973 with then Minister now Senator Francisco Tatad as Chairman and the late Porf. Ermie A. Angeles as Secretary General and the late Don. Antonio Rosa Chua and Col. Antonio Cabagon Chua as Finance Officers. Due to many setbacks, ANCA was not pushed through 1973, but its first awarding was held in October 7, 1983 at the Silahis International Hotel. It was resounding success with 55 awardees under individual, product and service categories. Five (5) ANCA awards followed thereafter until the death of Prof. Ernie A. Angeles.

After his death, a group of concerned citizens recognized the CUP headed by Com. Quirino "Chino" Marquinez, together with Judge Zacarias Crispin, Bishop Sonia Lim, Lily Nicolas and many other prominent citizens who continued the legacy left by their predecessors.

Today, the re-activated and rejuvenated CUP, is one of the most active and dedicated consumer's organization in the country. It is recognized, as well as respected by the government, business sector and consumers from all walks of life.

Comm. Quirino A. Marquinez
CUP PRESIDENT

### Service Awardees



### Individual Awardees

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| Mayor Benhur Abalos | Most Outstanding City Mayor & Public Servant |
| Hon. Bio Umpar Adiong | Outstanding Public Servant |
| Hon. Lito Atienza | Most Outstanding City Mayor & Public Servant |
| Hon. Feliciano Belmonte | Most Outstanding City Mayor & Public Servant |
| Hon. Jejomar Binay | Most Outstanding City Mayor & Public Servant |
| Amb. Antonio Cabangun Chua | Outstanding Entreprenuer & Consumerist Advocate |
| Mr. Gerry Cornejo | Outstanding Radio Commentator |
| Sec. Simeon Datumanong | Most Outstanding Public Official and Consumer Advocate |
| Cong. Didagon Plang Dilangalen | Outstanding Legislator and Public Servant |
| Sec. Roilo S. Golez | Most Outstanding Public Official |
| Ambassador Paul Dimond | Outstanding Foreign Diplomat (British) |
| Comm. Andrea Domingo | Outstanding Public Official |
| Hon. Juan Ponce Enrile | Outstanding Civic Leader & Public Servant |
| Mr. Mike Enriquez | Outstanding News Anchor and Imbestigador |
| Ambassador Radu Homescu, Ph.D | Outstanding Foreign Diplomat (Romania) |
| Mr. Ramon Jacinto | Outstanding Entrepreneur & Consumerist Advocate |
| Hon. Jesli A. Lapus | Outstanding Legislator and Public Servant |
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| Mr. Herny O | Outstanding Business Entreprenuer |
| Hon. Justice Reynato S. Puno | Outstanding Jurist Activist |
| Sec. Angelo Reyes Jr. | Outstanding Public Servant |
| Mr. Alex Silva | Outstanding Journalist |
| Hon. Wenceslao Trinidad | Most Outstanding City Mayor & Consumer Advocate |
| Gen. Reynaldo Vicente Velasco | Outstanding PNP Administrator |

### Product Awardees

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| Asahi Electrical Manufacturing Corporation | Outstanding Manufacturer of Electric Fans |
| AMD Far East Ltd. | Outstanding Manufacturer of Computer Processors |
| Asia Global Technologies Inc. | Outstanding Manufacturer of Computer Motherboards |
| Asia Global Technologies Inc. | Outstanding Manufacturer of [illegible] Computers |
| Canon Marketing Phils. Inc. | Outstanding Manufacturer of Digital Cameras |
| Charmy Foods Philippines Inc. | Outstanding Manufacturer of Soya Food Product |
| CS Garments Inc. | Outstanding Manufacturer of Garments for Export |
| CDO Foodsphere Inc. | Outstanding Meat Processor |
| Canon Marketing Phils. Inc. | Outstanding Manufacturer of Copier Machines |
| Crolibe Garments Mfg. Corporation | Outstanding Manufacturer of Local Jeans Wear |
| El Moda Leather Sandals Enterprises | Outstanding Manufacturer of Ladies Footwear |
| Forever Living Products Philippines | Outstanding MLM and Natural Health Product Company |
| Glee Electronics Inc. | Outstanding Manufacturer of [illegible] |
| Hewlett-Packard Philippines | Outstanding Manufacturer of [illegible] Home and Office [illegible] |
| Honda Cars Philippines | [illegible] |
| Isuzu Philippines Corp. | [illegible] |
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| Iomega Pacific Pte Ltd. | [illegible] |
| Kolin Philippines International | [illegible] |
| Luen Thai International Group Ltd. | [illegible] |
| Mancle Leathergoods Corp. | [illegible] |
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| Splash Manufacturing Corporation | [illegible] |
| Standard Marking Systems Phils. Inc. | [illegible] |
| Sony Philippines Inc. | [illegible] |
| South East Asia Food Inc. | [illegible] |
| Sunstar Industries (Hawk Bags) | [illegible] |
| Unilever Philippines Inc. | Outstanding Manufacturer of [illegible] |
| Universal Robina Corporation | Outstanding [illegible] Foods Manufacturer |

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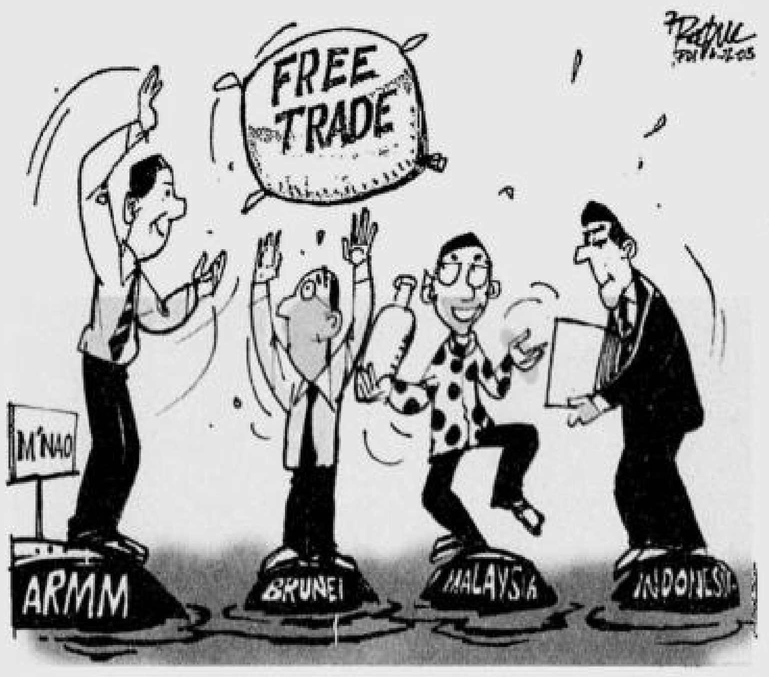


## *Time to rebuild the maritime marketplace*

**By Dennis M. Arroyo**
*Contributor*

TAKE a look at the map of the Philippines. Which area can benefit the most due to its proximity to three countries?

It's the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (ARMM). The provinces of Sulu, Jolo, and Tawi-Tawi are very near the nation's Islamic neighbors. They almost stretch out to Brunei, Indonesia, and Malaysia.

Together with the Philippines, these nations comprise the East ASEAN Growth Area (EAGA). Trade here can power the growth of the ARMM. "I believe that the Sulu Zone can be recreated," says Datu Ishak Mastura, trade and industry Secretary of the ARMM.

### Maritime empire

The "Sulu Zone" was a trading hub between the Philippines, Malaysia, and Indonesia in the late 18th century. Boats from these four countries crisscrossed the Sulu and Celebes seas to buy and sell prime goods from China and Europe. Porcelain and pearls, textiles and tea, were all traded along the vital sea routes.

The zone became a maritime empire of the Sulu Sultanate. Instead of separating the three nations, the sea connected them by commerce.

TIME/ B2-2

# A marketing mind-set is key to CEO's success

**By Karen V. De Asis**
*Contributor*

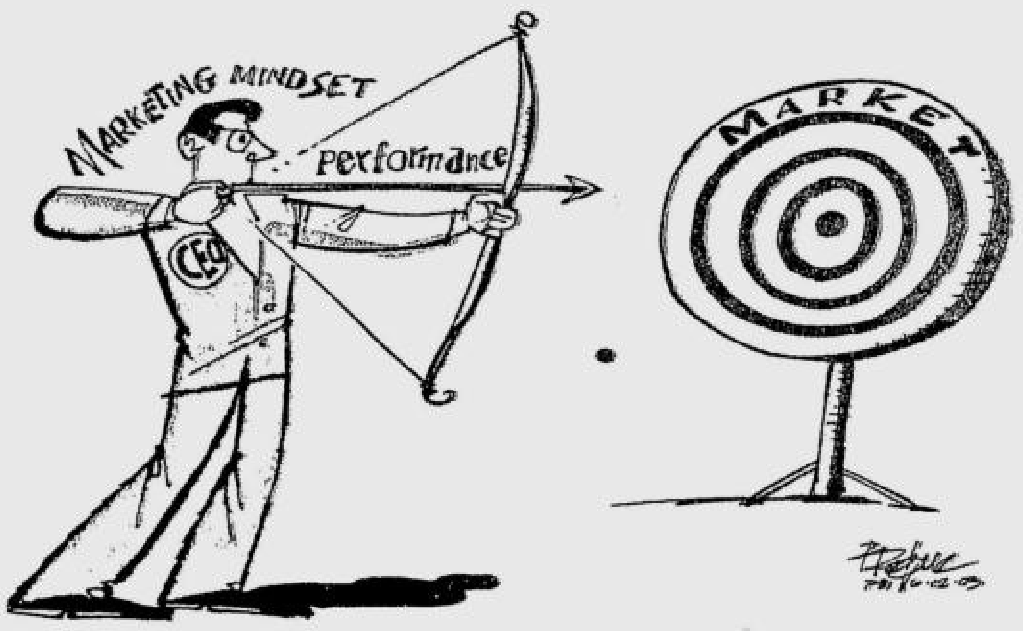
WHILE every employee has a stake in the overall health of an organization, it is the chief executive officer who drives the company to profitable success.

Unknown to many, one of the key qualities of a successful CEO is a marketing mind-set. This mind-set exhibited by many of the world's best CEOs, yet sorely lacking among a greater number, is manifested in the way this company prime mover charts the direction of the organization.

Here are some of the qualities of a marketing oriented CEO.

**A clear-cut vision and focused strategic thinking anchored on customer needs and wants.** A marketing-oriented CEO has a sharply defined vision and mission of where to take the organization. Documented in the business plan, this vision and mission is strongly influenced by the company and its products' role in the lives and needs of its customers. The CEO is guided by an understanding of what its target market needs and wants and follows this up with an offer based on a benefit the customer understands and deems meaningfully relevant.

Despite the brand Nike's success and the power of its name, founding Chairperson Phil Knight resolutely refused to do a Nike category extension in the casual leisure shoe segment. CEO Phil Knight remained focused and steadfast to his vision. He knew the meaning of his brand among his consumers as an athletic, competitive fitness wear. Rightly so, Nike's benefit is irrelevant to the casual leisure segment. Nonetheless, in the interest of capitalizing on the growing casual leisure segment, Nike's CEO bought the brand Cole Haan, a brand largely perceived to be strong in the casual leisure shoe segment.



**Builds business and creates demand versus preoccupation with cost-cutting.** The marketing-oriented CEO's strategic emphasis is mainly demand creation. Managing costs is an inherent task borne out of the overall strategic vision and intent of the organization. Marketing-oriented CEOs do not preoccupy themselves with cost-cutting measures as a means to raise the company's profitability. They instead concentrate on strategies that help build business and close the gap between target and actual performance. Their strategies often include identifying new segments of the market, encouraging new and more uses of the company's products or services, among others. Further, CEOs with a marketing mind-set have the capability and keen sensitivity to scan the environment and quickly grasp business-building opportunities within the parameters of the company and brand's overall vision.

While recognized as the brain that powers computers to perform quickly, reliably and smoothly, microprocessors were largely invisible to the eye. Providers of microprocessor chips were therefore dependent on PC vendors or original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) to articulate the microprocessor product's benefit. Intel, under the leadership of its CEO Andy Grove, recognized the opportunity and value of creating its own brand name and the potential of the huge consumer market. This encouraged the company to invest billions of dollars in a communications campaign developed with Dahlin Smith and White that adopted the tagline "Intel Inside". Today, no doubt, Intel is the top of mind microprocessor truly associated with cutting-edge technology, assured performance and reliability.

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# Unfaithful! How do you make a consumer loyal to your brand?

**MARKETING Rx**

*Dr. Ned Roberto & Ardy Roberto*

HERE'S a question asked by a lot of our readers, including students and marketing seminar attendees: "How do I make my competitor's customers switch brand to mine and make them loyal to my brand?"

This is like one of those romantic expectations of lovers. If you're after a girl who has a boyfriend and you succeeded in getting her to switch to you, why do you believe she'll be loyal to you? If you get some show of initial loyalty, remember that came out of a disloyalty behavior. The seed of her likely eventual disloyalty to you was sown when she started being loyal to you.

It's about the same with brand switching and loyalty. If your competitor's customer switches to you, that means she decided to be unfaithful and disloyal to your competitor's brand. Why should she stay loyal to you? It is because of this disloyalty-loyalty cycle that we often tell marketers that consumer brand loyalty is born out of disloyalty to a former brand. So the seed of later disloyalty is sown when loyalty begins.

**Converging "consumer positioning" with brand positioning** is key. Of course, if you understand why consumers switch and award their loyalty to another brand, you can protect your brand from suffering future consumer disloyalty. The needed understanding is essentially about consumer positioning behavior toward your brand versus competing brands. Notice that we said "consumer positioning." We didn't say "your positioning of your brand."

Positioning is a two-way street. It starts with marketers positioning a brand to satisfy a market segment priority product value in some distinctive way. Then they wait for the target consumers' positioning response of that brand. They may or may not position the brand in the same way as the marketers did. Obviously, the successful positioning takes place when the consumer positioning converges with the marketer's positioning. Consumers always have the final say. They decide to buy or not to buy.

In this column we will not tackle first the issue of Customer Loyalty Schemes and Customer Relationship Management (CRM) programs. A number of good books have been written on that subject. We'll write about CRM and it's forefather—Relationship Marketing—in a future column, but for now we'll talk about the often overlooked critical factor in maintaining and grabbing market share and customer loyalty. Consumer positioning.

**What is product positioning?** Those of you who have attended marketing seminars that included a discussion of the positioning decision may recall having heard as many definitions of positioning as there were speakers and experts. However, if you try drawing out the common denominators from all these different definitions, you'll find that the core of the positioning concept revolves around two necessary conditions.

The first is consumer priority product values. You don't position on a product benefit or attribute that's not important or a priority to your consumers.

The second requirement is distinctiveness. Your brand must satisfy a consumer priority value better than competition in some real or imagined fashion.

The disturbing "qualifier" is "imagined." Product attributes come in two kinds. Most are experience-based like delicious taste and smell (as touted by Jollibee's Langhap Sarap claim, which was based on intercept interviews of Jollibee customers who were spotted sniffing at their hamburgers before eating it), immediate efficacy (as promised and experienced by those taking "energy" drinks loaded with caffeine and sugar) or leaves my hair smelling fresh (what better example than the shampoo Gee Your Hair Smells Terrific!)

Consumers won't know and can't tell you if your product is delivering on this kind of attributes until they've experienced it. These are "real" and not "imagined" product attributes.

But a chair on a display window of a furniture store that claims the chair you're looking at is comfortable is talking to you about a perception-based attribute. Consumers don't have to experience the chair to tell you they find it comfortable. Just by looking and imagining themselves seated on that chair, they are willing to make the judgment. (Many times, even if the chair or sofa is in the store's display area, you don't even have a chance to experience or test if the product is indeed comfortable. In many furniture stores in this country, there are inane signs on chairs and sofas that say, "Please do not sit.") Anyway, that is an example of an "imagined" product value.

It's easy to appreciate that most product benefits and values are experience-based. It's in the delivery of your brand on the consumers' priority product values where the product superiority lies. That's where consumer loyalty also lies.

*(Feedback at MarketingRx@SaltAndLightVentures.com.)*

# *Fita TV ad makes it to Oscars of ad industry*

EVERY year in June, the cream of the crop of the international ad industry gather in Cannes, France, for a week. It is also at this time that Cannes Lions, the stiffest and most stringent of ad competitions, takes place. This year, the Philippines made its mark in the Oscars of the ad industry when Lowe Manila's "bestfriend" television commercial for Fita crackers made it as finalist in the highly competitive TV advertising category. It was the only entry from the Philippines to make the cut.

"This is the first time ever in local advertising history that a TV ad made for a major Philippine mass market brand like Fita makes it to Cannes," says Mariles Gustilo, president and CEO of Lowe.

The ad was in competition with advertising for global brands such as Nike, McDonald's and Idea generated from what are considered the creative message of the industry like New York and London.

"Contrary to the notion that a highly creative ad usually does not sell the product, the success of "bestfriend" in Cannes and its positive impact on Fita's sales and market share proves it can be done," points out Melissa Chua, marketing manager of Monde M.Y. San, manufacturers.

The group involved in the ad include Raul Castro, VP/executive creative director and Mila Marquez, VP /business unit head along with their teammates Ricky Aragon, Mary Velmonte, Bryan Siy, , Cara Bautista, Digoy Araneta, Tynna Antonio, Aubrey Allarde, Vivian de Ocampo, Gerry de Guia, Nelson Naungayan and Mayette Tiaoqui.

# Time to rebuild the maritime marketplace

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The 21st century idea is to promote the free flow of products, services, people, and funds across this zone. This will hike growth among the four countries, and it will bring progress to the afflicted provinces of Sulu, Jolo, and Tawi-Tawi.

## Reza

The ARMM can take advantage of its location by leveraging its autonomy. That's why advocates like Mastura are pushing the creation of a Regional Economic Zone Authority (Reza).

In general, firms in an economic zone get duty-free privileges, tax holidays, and tax credits. Capital equipment and raw materials get imported with fewer restrictions. In a free trade zone, goods are unloaded, stored, repacked and sorted without the burden of tariffs.

With a Reza in place, foreign investors can talk directly to ARMM officials rather than deal with the head agencies in Manila. They do not have to go to the capital to register, file permits, or present reports. Much time and money will be saved by the direct approach. The Muslim region will also have the freedom to offer their own package of incentives to the firms.

## Benefits from trade

A free port in Sulu, Jolo or Tawi-Tawi will help enterprises there export to Brunei, Sabah, East Kalimantan and Sulawesi. They will not have to get permits from Manila. Barter trade will move out of the underground economy and will have to follow government rules.

As it is, only the well-connected enjoy the full benefits of trade. They get to monopolize imports of basic commodities like rice, sugar, and fuel oil. A free trade zone or a free port will break the monopoly—any interested party can import.

Exporters will benefit as well. One of the country's export winners is seaweed, from which carrageenan is derived. The substance is a vital food ingredient, finding its way into items like toothpaste.

The ARMM provinces produce 70 percent of the nation's seaweed exports, and the carrageenan market in China has been expanding tremendously. An export processing facility in Sulu will help the seaweed farmers raise the value-added of their product, hiking their incomes.

"With the Reza, the regional governor can create special economic zones, industrial estates, free trade zones and export processing zones throughout the region," writes Mastura in his concept paper. "The establishment of the Reza can give the ARMM the necessary policy making tools in order to attract investments."

## Legal homework

Much must be done to set up the zone authority, explains the trade official. The ARMM has to pass it into law. In fact Governor Parouk S.Hussin has certified the measure as urgent. A legal foundation will ensure true devolution of functions.

Existing laws allow the ARMM to set up the economic zone body. The amended Organic Act of the ARMM or Republic Act No. 9054, says, "The Regional Government shall encourage, promote and support the establishment of economic zones ... to attract local and foreign investments and business enterprises" (Section 2, Article 12).

The law continues that the ARMM "may establish a regional economic zone authority in the autonomous region." Such a Regional Economic Zone Authority will have powers like those of the Philippine Economic Zone Authority.

Recall also that in 1996 the national government had entered into a peace agreement with the Moro National Liberation Front. The document mandated the creation of a Regional Economic Zone Authority.

Politicians should then set up the vessel to be blown forward by the brisk winds of trade.

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# New rules on withholding of percentage tax and value-added tax

**TAX-FILES**

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*(First of three parts)*

REVENUE Regulations (RR) No. 14-2003 dated March 26, 2003 provides new rules on the withholding at the source of the three percent percentage tax and value-added tax (VAT) on the sales of goods and services.

RR No. 14-2003 aims to simplify, streamline, and make more efficient the collection of percentage tax or the VAT by instituting a withholding of the tax at the source, that is, from the payor. The transactions covered by this RR are sales of goods and services that are subject to either the 3 percent percentage tax under Section 116 of the Tax Code of 1997 (Tax Code) or the 10-percent VAT under Section 106 and 108 of the Tax Code.

I. Withholding of percentage tax

A. Payee's option to remit percentage tax through the withholding system RR No. 14-2003 gives the payee the option to remit his percentage tax through the withholding and remittance of the tax due by the payor-withholding agent. If the payee opts to avail of the withholding system to pay his percentage tax, he must file a Notice of Availment of the Option to Pay the Tax Through the Withholding Process with the payor-withholding agent and the revenue district offices (RDO) of both the payor and the payee.

B. Who are required to withhold

Assuming the payee opts to remit the percentage tax through the withholding process, then any person, natural or juridical, shall be required to withhold a percentage tax at the rate of 3 percent based on the payee's gross sales/receipts on all payments for purchases of goods or for services from such payee who is subject to the 3 percent percentage tax (who should be a non-VAT taxpayer). Such payments would be subject to withholding provided these arise from purchases of goods or services made in the course of trade or business (including the exercise of profession or calling) and not arising from, or incident to, an employer-employee relationship. It will be noted that under Section 116 of the Tax Code, persons whose gross annual sales (of goods) or annual gross receipts (for sale of services) do not exceed P550,000 and who do not opt to be registered as VAT taxpayers shall be subject to percentage tax at 3 percent of his gross quarterly sales or receipts.

C. Payor constituted as withholding agent

The payor shall be constituted as a withholding agent and shall be required to withhold the 3 percent percentage tax and remit the tax using BIR Form No. 1600 (monthly remittance return of value-added tax and other percentage taxes withheld) to the appropriate collection agents of the BIR—the accredited agent bank (AAB) or revenue collection officer (RCO).

D. Effects on the payee of the withholding and remittance of tax by payor

The effects on the payee of the withholding and remittance by the payor of the 3 percent percentage tax would depend on whether or not the payee has only one payor from whom he generates his income.

1. Payee has only one payor

If the income recipient-payee has only one payor from whom he generates his income, the filing of BIR Form No. 1600 by the payor-withholding agent serves as the substituted percentage tax return of the payee. This means that the payee need not file a percentage tax return to report the income payment from the payor-withholding agent. However, the payee is required to file a notice of availment of the substituted filing of percentage tax return with the RDO where the income recipient is registered or required to register (home RDO). A copy of the notice shall be furnished the lone payor of the income.

Furthermore, BIR Form No. 2306 (certificate of final tax withheld at source), duly signed by payor and payee, should all be attached to the BIR Form No. 1600 filed by the payor-withholding agent. The attachment of BIR Form No. 2306 constitutes the authority given by the payee to the payor to file and consider the payor' filing of the BIR Form No. 1600 as the substituted percentage tax return of the payee. The duly filed or stamped "Received" BIR Form No. 2306 serves the same purpose as the percentage tax return (BIR Form No. 2551M) of the payee. A taxpayer availing of the substituted filing of percentage tax return should update his registration date with his home RDO.

2. Payee has several payors

If the payee has several payors, the percentage tax withheld and remitted by the payor under BIR Form No. 1600 shall be treated as creditable tax by the payee when he files the monthly percentage tax return under BIR Form No. 2551M.

Since the percentage tax has already been withheld at source based on gross amount and remitted by the payors, the percentage tax return (BIR Form No. 2551M) to be filed by the payee will not be reflecting any amount payable and will serve as a return consolidating all the transactions with all the payors which have already been subjected to withholding tax. Such percentage tax return should be filed directly with the appropriate BIR office. However, in case the total amount of tax withheld by the payors who are engaged in business is incorrect or the payee has transactions with payors who are not engaged in business and therefore not obliged to withhold, the percentage tax return of the payee will be reflecting an amount payable and should be filed with the AAB or the RDO.

E. Filing of returns and payment of taxes withheld by the payor

Taxes deducted and withheld shall be remitted using the BIR Form No. 1600 or the monthly remittance return of VAT and other percentage taxes withheld. BIR Form No. 1600 shall be filed with, and the tax paid to, the AABs under the jurisdiction of the large taxpayer's service, including large taxpayer's district office, in case of large taxpayers, or the AAB under the jurisdiction of the RDO where the withholding agent is located, in case of non-large taxpayers. In places where there is no AAB, the return shall be filed with, and the tax paid, directly to the RCO or the duly authorized treasurer of the city or municipality where the withholding agent is required to register. The required return should be filed, and payments made, within 10 days following the end of the month the withholding was made or the withholding has accrued.

F. Issuance of certificate of percentage taxes withheld

The BIR form to be issued on the withholding and remittance of the 3 percent percentage tax depends on whether or not there is only one payor from whom the payee generates his income.

If there is only one payor, the form to be used is BIR Form No. 2306 or the certificate of final tax withheld at source. This form should be given to the payee within 10 days following the end of the month the withholding was made.

If the payee has several other payors as signified by such payee, the applicable form is BIR Form No. 2307 or the certificate of creditable tax withheld at source.

G. Substituted official receipt for sellers of services

For sellers of services whose gross receipts have been subjected to the withholding of the 3 percent percentage tax, they shall be exempted from the obligation of issuing duly registered non-VAT receipts covering their receipt of payments for services sold.

The certificate of final tax withheld at source (BIR Form No. 2306), for payee with just one payor, or certificate of creditable tax withheld at source (BIR Form No. 2307), for payee with several payors, will be treated as the substituted official receipt, pursuant to Section 237 of the Tax Code.

H. Duration of option to remit the tax through the withholding system

The option to remit the percentage tax through the withholding system once chosen remains as the manner of remitting the tax unless said option is cancelled by the payee by filing a notice of cancellation of availment of the option to pay the tax through the withholding process (a sample is attached to RR no. 14-2003 as annex "F"). The option to file under the substituted filing of the percentage tax return allowed to a payee with just one payor in a given taxable year continues to apply to subsequent taxable years until such time that the taxpayer-payee files the notice of cancellation of availment of the substituted filing of return (a sample is attached to RR No. 14-2003 as annex "D") not later than the 10th day of the month following the close of the taxpayer's taxable year. In such case, the status of the taxpayer automatically reverts to the status of taxpayers filing the returns under the regular filing procedures.

If within the taxable year, an additional client or customer comes in, the taxpayer-payee should immediately file the notice of cancellation of availment of the substituted filing of returns.

# A marketing mind-set is key to CEO's success

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**consumers.** Led by customer needs and wants, marketing-oriented CEOs are further guided but not collared by market research. Marketing-oriented CEOs recognize the value of consumer research that draw insights and identify latent motives that can help propel organizations to offer new products and services based on customer needs and wants. Qualitative and quantitative surveys like focus group discussions and market tracking studies further identify gaps between what service providers and manufacturers articulate in their brand promise and what consumers perceive about the brand. The marketing-oriented CEO's barometer of information is not limited to themselves, their family and friends but extends mainly to the customers whose insights and feelings about the brand are scientifically drawn through professional, scientifically designed market research.

**Nurtures people and team spirit.** Unknown to many, a marketing orientation is not solely limited to external communication directed to the general public or a segment of the market. A truly marketing-oriented organization sells the brand vision internally among its employees. After all, it is these employees who can make the brand alive for its customers. People who believe and care about the brand are motivated to work harder and their loyalty to the organization increases. Likewise, customers are likely to experience the brand and the company in a way consistent to what has been promised. 3M's William McKnight, CEO from 1949 to 1966 believed in "delegating responsibility and encouraging staff to exercise their initiative." McDonald's former CEO Michael Quinlan maintains, "We have to recognize that we have to empower our management teams and our crews to do what is necessary to take the best care of our customers." Concomitant to this people philosophy is a marketing orientation to continuously provide employees whether highly skilled professionals or lower skilled workers with training programs through in-house, short-course or full degree programs.

**Balance of heart and mind.** Marketing-oriented CEOs combine cognitive and affective skills. They bring strategic vision and direction to the workplace, sell the vision internally and externally beyond themselves, implement with motivating force, energy and spirit and pull the entire organization together in one direction to serve the customers needs and wants. *(Feedback at kdeasis@skyinet.net.)*.

# 'Native' chickens from France lay 'golden eggs'

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TERESA, Rizal—When was the last time you've tasted the savory flavor of your grandmother's good old-fashioned *tinolang manok*?

The reason mainly is that white leghorn chickens, which continue to flood the local market, have slowly displaced our native chickens—the not-so-secret ingredient of these delectable homegrown dishes.

Native or country chickens are part of this country's culture.

"Even a typical picture of a *bahay kubo* (nipa hut) would certainly include chickens freely roaming the garden lot," explains Tony Inocencio, owner of AP Inocencio Farms (Teresa Farms) and pioneer breeder of SASSO chickens in the country.

This self-taught poultry breeder insisted that the proliferation of cheap white chickens in the market is depriving the younger generations of Filipinos "of not only their culture but also of tastier and healthier food."

VETERINARIAN Edwin Cruz and the SASSO chickens of the black variety. Photo on right is Tony Inocencio of Teresa Farms.

## Dying industry

Coming from a business-minded family in Rizal province, Inocencio ventured into the banana industry in the early 80s.

He headed a small company that exported banana chips to the US, Europe and other Asian countries. His banana plantation in Bacolod City was continuously earning good money for him and his employees until the infamous Escalante Massacre in 1985 where at least 27 unemployed sugar peasants were massacred while staging a peaceful demonstration in Escalante, Negros Occidental.

"The political instability and insurgency problem in the province forced the close down of banana operations. So I had to find another business instead," Inocencio says.

A friend suggested that he invest in poultry production.

Being a hobbyist farmer, he had ample knowledge of poultry animals. After studying his options, he converted his father's six-hectare lot in Teresa into a poultry yard.

He started with 20,000 heads while applying as contract grower for meat suppliers in the country in 1986.

The demand for chicken soon increased and he expanded his operations.

In three years, Inocencio's farm had over 130,000 heads. He applied to San Miguel, Swift and Purefoods as a supplier.

## Deadly virus

But the once-lucrative business proved to be short-lived as IBD, a deadly viral disease among chickens, killed almost 50 percent of his stock.

The disease attacked the chicken's immune system. The virus also dwarfed the chickens, making it hard for them to be sold in the market.

"Instead of lending help, the big companies abandoned us. This 'boom and bust cycle' of the industry is actually a major problem of many contract growers," Inocencio laments.

The epidemic forced many farms to close. Inocencio recalls many companies resorted to drugging their poultry and livestock to strengthen the immune system and to promote growth and weight.

The advent of globalization in the early 90s worsened the plight of the poultry risers. Inocencio argues the so-called "New World Order" allowed the influx of cheap dressed chicken from other countries.

Small and big raisers could not compete with the process because of high input costs.

The events, he says, caused cutthroat competition among poultry raisers that threatened to kill the industry.

## Discovery

Looking for a way to recover from the losses, Inocencio attended a poultry conference in Bangkok in 1995. There he came to know of the French-native SASSO chickens, which was among the exhibit of chickens from Europe. These colored chickens are usually grown in the forests of France and are raised free from drugs, medicines and growth stimulants.

The idea of raising free-range chickens instantly interested him. Although nobody seemed to be paying attention to the exhibitors, it was exactly what he was looking for—a healthier alternative to white chicken.

A tour around SASSO chicken farms in Malaysia further raised his curiosity. The tour also gave him insights into the possibility of raising country chickens in his farm, which he says costs almost the same as raising white chickens.

Despite the knowledge he gained from the conference, he still wanted to see how the chickens were grown in their native place.

In 1996, just before he tied the knot, he decided to visit SASSO farms in France together with some friends.

"I thought the idea of raising SASSO was fit for the Philippines because of the abundance of grass and small plants. SASSO enjoy eating weeds, insects, seeds and small plants. In France, they still have to plant grass in the forest. You see, we really have an advantage," Inocencio says.

In 1997, he brought in 10,000 hatching eggs in the country. He admits the venture was very costly due to the rate of transporting fragile eggs in airfreight. Fortunately, almost 80 percent of the eggs matured.

To reduce his financial overlay, Inocencio decided to purchase breeder bases from France. He and veterinarian Edwin Cruz started to experiment with whatever domestic food they could find.

Luckily, the chickens easily adapted to the local environment.

## Health-conscious

SASSO chicken is not actually the "real" name for these domesticated birds but a name of a poultry breeding company based in France. It is an acronym for Selection Avicole de la Sarthe et du SudQuest (Selection of Poultry in South and Southmost France).

SASSO chickens are a product of a natural cross-breeding process initiated by small cooperatives of poultry raisers in France.

The breeders were then looking for a way to improve the quality of the chicken meat without injecting drugs or feeding the birds with growth enhancers.

"Europeans are very health conscious. They make sure that their foods are free from medicines and other chemicals that may endanger their health," Cruz says.

He added that he was amazed with the Frenchmen's commitment to improve their households.

Each raises around 4,000 birds. The production and marketing of their produce are centralized to avoid rivalry within the group and control competitive prices.

Farmers lease forest lands from the government where chickens freely wander. They feed the chickens with corn, wheat and weeds. They do away with "factory poultry raising" by raising the birds in their most natural way as possible.

But the winter season limits the farmers to raise their birds in the forest for only six months. When ice and snow cover the grasslands, SASSO are being kept in big roofed barns.

Cruz says they are also shunting away from feeding the birds with animal manure and fish contents that greatly affect the meat's taste and and are a major source of the deadly salmonella bacteria.

## Cheaper than leghorn

Inocencio says raising SASSO chickens is cheaper than breeding white leghorns because the former are being steered clear of expensive drugs and chemicals.

Materials used in poultry housing are also inexpensive. Moreover, these birds are not feed-dependent because they have a natural instinct to find their own food.

SASSO chickens are docile in contrast to the untamed nature of most of native chickens.

Inocencio claims some people even keep the chickens for pets.

As Cruz explains, SASSO have better disease resistance than ordinary white chickens. Their muscled and strong bodies can withstand common disease and climate changes. These birds are also used to medical plants.

"Herbs and medicinal plants are very effective in curing the chickens' common diseases like flu. Powdered oregano is helpful in maintaining the chicken's good immune system," Cruz explains.

A spacious lot is essential in raising SASSO, Cruz stresses. He said each bird needs 1-2 square meters to roam around.

To avoid the chicken from being stolen, it is advised to keep the birds inside a lot enclosed by fishnets.

At night and during the rainy season, a roomy poultry house is all the chickens need.

Cruz says an unrestrained breathing space has a lot to do with the chicken's growth and the quality of their eggs.

Inocencio says organic food is now becoming the "in thing" in the local market because "Filipinos are now starting to pay attention to their health."

"Although organic foods cost more than 'ordinary' ones, it's definitely cheaper than wasting your money to buy medicines or going to the hospital," he maintains.

## Bright market

He says the market for organic chicken looks bright. In Metro Manila alone, residents consume about 120 million kilos of chicken a year.

The average demand of the country is about 600 million kilos chicken yearly.

The demand for native chicken also continues to increase, especially in the provinces.

He noted that in Bacolod, home of the famous chicken *inasal*, restaurants have to import SASSO from Cebu to supply its demand of 3,000 heads a day.

## Consumers as producers

Inocencio says they are also encouraging consumers to become producers.

From time to time, he and his staff provide seminars to help small farmers and health conscious individuals in starting their own SASSO backyard farm.

AP Inocencio Farms is the chief breeder in the country with around 8,000 heads. A brooded 21-day-old chick costs P35.

They also sell breeder bases which consist of one male and Cruz says the average production cost per head is P70.

A 60-day-old SASSO is ready for harvest and weighs an average of 1.7 kg per head. Because of the increasing demand for native chicken, farmers can earn as much as 200 percent.

At present, SASSO chickens are selling for about P100-250 per head. Dressed SASSO costs P120-195 per kilo.

Aside from the meat, SASSO's golden brown eggs are also profitable. They sell for an average of P15 per piece. These birds are prolific layers until their fifth year, unlike white chicken layers, which are only good for a year.

## Advocacy

The recent reports about animal disease that affects humans concerns Inocencio. He says the incident is an "open secret" in the meat industry. He is now leading the call to stop drugging the chickens and improve the procedures in slaughterhouses.

"I am not trying to scare the public but it is a fact. Livestock are being drugged to maximize profit. They are being grown cruelly beyond their potential. Many chickens die of heart disease mainly because their heart cannot support their overweight bodies," Inocencio claims.

He says because chickens are being injected with various drugs; viruses are becoming immune. Vaccines and drugs infused in chickens are not completely dissolved so humans consume them.

Inocencio suspects the drug-contaminated birds have something to do with the "Jollibee generation" of Filipinos whose love for fast food chains created a bigger demand for poultry prompting raisers to go for medicine that hasten growth.

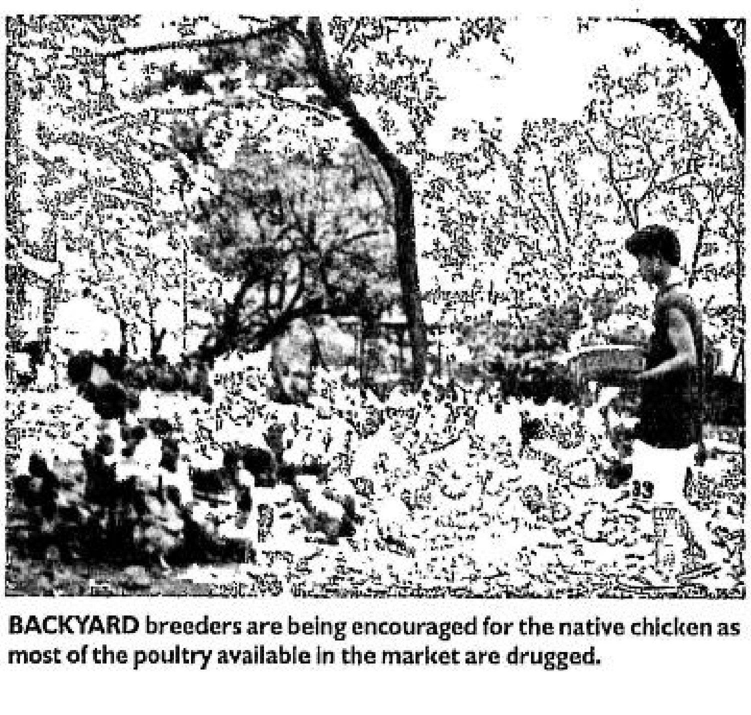
He also cites some incidents of "trash meat products." Goods from other countries are being dumped in the Philippines and sold for half their prices. Many of these have no expiration labels.

He says in 1999, tons of chicken products from Thailand were banned from entering Japan because they were tested positive for a viral disease and already unfit for human consumption.

Months after, cheap imported chicken flooded the local market and many duty-free stores offered it at P35 a piece.

Aside from this, Inocencio is also seriously campaigning against raising chickens in sardine-like cages. He says the government should promote free-range farming instead.

"Chickens, like humans, have emotions too. Whatever we feed or however we treat them, will definitely have an effect on them. We should start treating our livestock sensitively," Inocencio recommends.



BACKYARD breeders are being encouraged for the native chicken as most of the poultry available in the market are drugged.

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# Willie: From now on, we will have good, clean fun

**By Jocelyn Valle**
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"WE'RE good men. We're not really vulgar. From now on, we'll have good, clean fun."

Musician-turned-comedian and TV host Willie Revillame, speaking for himself and co-host John Estrada, made this vow after serving their suspension from June 16 to 20 for cracking lewd jokes on the ABS-CBN noontime variety show "Masayang Tanghali, Bayan."

Revillame told INQUIRER Entertainment that he and Estrada would have to be more careful now.

"You can be yourself on TV but at the same time you should know your limitations," he said last Tuesday afternoon right after "MTB." Estrada had left as soon as the show was finished.

"We've been suspended twice," added Revillame, apparently repentant. "There should be no third time *kasi 'pag may* third time *pa, siguro wala na talaga kaming* chance *na makabalik pa.*"

The network had suspended the two stars after viewers and lawmakers complained in public to the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB) about the sex and double-meaning jokes Revillame and Estrada had been cracking on the show. The MTRCB in turn called the attention of ABS-CBN which then suspended the two hosts.

Revillame claimed he has learned to be more responsible as a host. "*Dalawang bagay lang kasi 'yan–gustuhin at ayawan ka ng tao,*" he said. "Of course *mabuti nang magustuhan ka ng tao.*"

"This is the only job I know," he added, still talking in Filipino. "So, I should take care. We'll have no more of our double-meaning jokes. Those days are over."

"You can make people laugh without resorting to vulgarity," he said in a complete turnaround from his pre-suspension days. "If God has given you talent, there has to be guidance, too."

"*Nakita ko na ang mali,* so *alam ko na ngayon. Ang kabastusan naman, nakakasawa 'yan.* What's important is you're spontaneous and witty."

The remorseful comedian said he believed that the ABS CBN bosses had been fair in handling his and Estrada's suspension. "They were right when they said those who have done wrong should be punished," he said. "We did wrong. Now we've been given a chance to come back, and we are not going to waste that chance.

"No one else is to blame except yourself because you're the one holding the microphone, you're the one in front of the camera.

"What's is also important," he added, "is there's no bitterness in your heart."

He said he also respects the MTRCB. "Just

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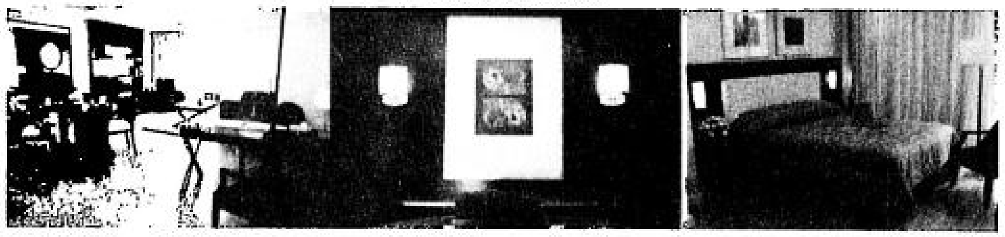

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# TV bloopers on 'Teysi'

**VIEWFINDER**

*Nestor U. Torre*

LAST Monday's "Teysi" (8 a.m., Channel 2) was right up our alley due to our interest in TV bloopers. With tongue firmly fixed in cheek, host Tessie Tomas invited four show biz celebrities "famous" for their propensity for taking amusing liberties with the English language.

The program puckishly tried to add to the stars' past collections of boners by asking them to talk in English whenever possible, or to translate complex events in Filipino into even more convoluted English sentences, with often uproarious results.

The guests knew what the show was up to, but cheerfully played the game, often at their own expense. In their resolutely upbeat way, they decided to turn their liability into an advantage. It had gotten them their guest slots on Teysi's popular TV show, hadn't it?

Or, as one of the English language-challenged ladies put it, "*Basta ako*, what you've got, I-front *mo*!" (Translation: If you've got it, flaunt it!")

In the course of the show, they cheerfully let loose with other booboos that had viewers in stitches. To make your day, we dutifully jotted down some of them. Enjoy:

"About my misunderstanding with that other actress, *wala na 'yon*, close the book *na sa akin 'yon!*"

"In shooting, you just continue to work, even if they have raining outside."

"What's bad about going bold? I'm just using art for the art's sake!"

"That's right, you shouldn't go bold if you have any quangs about your body!" (Quangs? Oh, qualms!)

"*Akala nila, 'pag wala ka nang* sort of income, *puwede ka nang apihin.*"

"When I did my nude pictorial, *kasama talaga yon sa* art *ng* magazine. (There's that art-y alibi again!)

"*Gumagawa ako ng* Ternational movie." (What in Tarnation is a Ternational movie?)

"To succeed in life, confident *lang ang kailangan palagi.*"

"Why expect me to speak good English, *hindi naman ako* Americans?"

"Despite of that, *naiintindihan naman ako ng mga* judge."

WILLY Cruz

The show harvested even more booboos when Tessie asked her guest to translate wordy Filipino sentences into English. Some of the unintentionally humorous translations:

"My favorite man is Martin Nievera, I like him of the way he is!"

"Don't point anybody!"

"Driver, could you stop at the side?"

"What is the gender of your kin, a boy or girl?"

"My Achilles heel is rotten because of the corner of the table."

"When the shell become rice, we will found it." (Try figuring that out!)

"Pumping rice is always fun!"

"I'm upset, because there's hanging cheese in my child's *ngala-ngala*!"

"How far the President Joseph Estrada is of the country?"

And the brightest comic gem of the lot:

"There were foreign actors in our movie, from different countries. When we could not communicate, *nag*-sign of language *na lang kami*!"

'There were foreign actors in our movie, from different countries. When we could not communicate, *nag*-sign of language *na lang kami*'

TESSIE Tomas gets uproarious results from her guests.

## Willy Cruz Classics

STAR Records has come out with a 10-track compilation of ace songsmith Willy Cruz's classics, titled "Sana'y Wala Nang Wakas." Some of its cuts are "Bituing Walang Ningning" (interpreted by Carol Banawa), "Mahawi Man ang Ulap" (Dianne de la Fuente), "Sana'y Maghintay ang Walang Hanggan" (Jolina Magdangal) and "Kumusta Ka" (Jimmy Bondoc), the album's carrier single.

Willy learned how to play the piano when he was only three years old. He comes from the musically gifted Buencamino clan (Francisco Buencamino, etc.), which has also produced celebrated international pianist Cecile Licad and outstanding film talents Nonong and Noni Buencamino.

Willy's first composition, the theme for the film "Araw-Araw, Gabi-Gabi," won the grand prize at the Yamaha World Songwriting Competition held in Taiwan in 1976.

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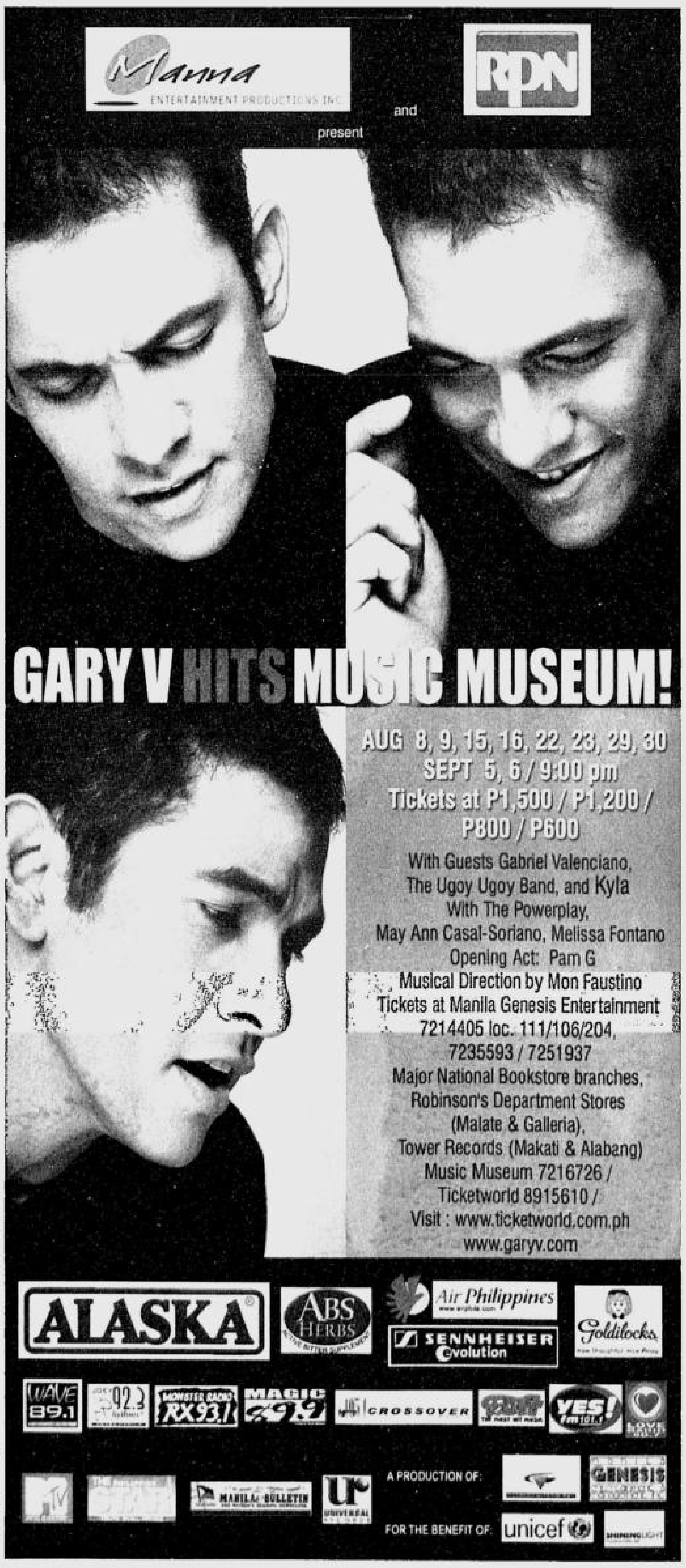

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# Mikey trying to be 'the best husband and father'

**SHOWBIZ TIDBITS**

*Leah Salterio*

AFTER being married for only a year, presidential son **Mikey Macapagal-Arroyo** admits he still has a lot to learn as a family man.

Mikey is dad to eight-month-old **Mikaela Gloria**, his daughter with **Angela Montenegro**. The couple were married in Pampanga, where he is the vice governor, in June 2002.

"I'm trying my best to be the best husband to Angela and the best father to Mikaela," says Mikey, despite rumors that his marriage was on the rocks.

"My family is always on top of my priorities," he adds. "But it doesn't mean that I don't take my other jobs seriously. As vice governor, I take care of the people who work for me, just like I take care of my family. It's the same in my show biz work. In everything that I do, I try to be the best that I can be, especially to my own family."

Mikey gets his biggest break in the movies as he stars in Viva Films' "Masamang Ugat," where he worked for the first time with **Eddie Garcia**, **Ace Vergel** and **Victor Neri**. Mikey plays Angelo, a compassionate police officer who is torn between his love for his family and his profession.

"I play a rather complex character," says Mikey of the role. "Angelo is a tough law enforcer who will fight crime wherever and whatever it is. He is also a gentle man whose biggest wish is to bring his family back together."

**Willy Milan** directed "Masamang Ugat."

Eddie plays Apo Roman, the policeman's long-lost father who heads a drug syndicate. Ace is David, the policeman's long-lost brother who works as a hit man going after Apo Roman. Victor is Darwin, his villainous half-brother.

"I'm very flattered to be part of this movie," says Mikey. "From the cast alone, you'll know instantly it's a big movie. I felt like a neophyte working with the big stars, but I was very lucky to have their support. They are real professionals."

**FAMILY FIRST.** "I take all my jobs seriously," says Arroyo, with Maui Taylor.

## Sold-out Nina concert

BELIEVE it or not, but singer **Nina** performed before an SRO audience at the Music Museum last Saturday in her first major concert.

My source, who watched Nina for the first time, was impressed by the voice behind the original hits "Jealous" and "Heaven." That a singer who has been going solo in less than a year could fill up a major concert venue like Music Museum is impressive. The success of Nina's debut album contributed largely to her growing fan base. Concert tickets reportedly were sold out a week before the show.

Nina sauntered onstage in an all-white outfit and sang her hit single, "Heaven," with **DJ Sammy.** Then she segued into the Bee Gees' "Emotions," recently revived by Destiny's Child. She also belted out a **Mariah Carey** medley –"Hero," "Never Too Far," "Through the Rain"–which the audience rewarded with resounding applause.

She changed into a burgundy Sari-Sari gown and was joined onstage by the all-male pop group Akafellas in "One Sweet Day," followed by an OPM medley. Nina later did a male diva segment with **Stevie Wonder's** "Overjoyed" and "Lately," **Bryan McKnight's** "One Last Cry" and **Luther Vandross'** "I'd Rather."

Another guest was **Aiza Seguerra**, who sang **Cathy Trocolli's** "If I'm Not in Love With You," and then joined Nina in two duets–"Power of Two" and Aiza's own hit, "Pagdating ng Panahon."

Nina and Young balladeer **Jimmy Bondoc**, her rumored boyfriend, did a medley of their hits, his "Let Me Be the One" and her "Jealous."

A surprise guest was **Nyoy Volante**, another rising acoustic singer.

With Retrospect, Nina sang "After the Love Has Gone" and "Whenever I Call You Friend," before she alone sang "Loving You," "Only Hope" and "Foolish Heart," which was also in her debut album.

Nina also danced as she sang "All I Have," "Dilemma" and "Joy Rise." For the finale, she did **Chaka Khan's** "Through the Fire."

The show lasted nearly three hours, with Nina, now a certified concert artist, going through five costume changes.

# Gary to join Estradas in politics

By Fran Katigbak

"IT'S MY calling. It's in my blood."

Thus declares Gary Estrada, 30, as he reveals his plans to run for mayor in San Antonio, Quezon next year. When he does, he will join the roster of relatives who have entered politics, including his brother ER (Emilio Ramon) Ejercito who is mayor of Pagsanjan, Laguna; cousin Joseph Victor "JV" Ejercito who is mayor of San Juan; and, of course, his uncle, former President Joseph Estrada.

"My heart belongs to San Antonio," Gary says of the small Quezon town that has a population of approximately 24,500. Already beginning to sound like a politician, Gary describes San Antonio as a fifth-class municipality that has the potential for progress, "given the proper leadership."

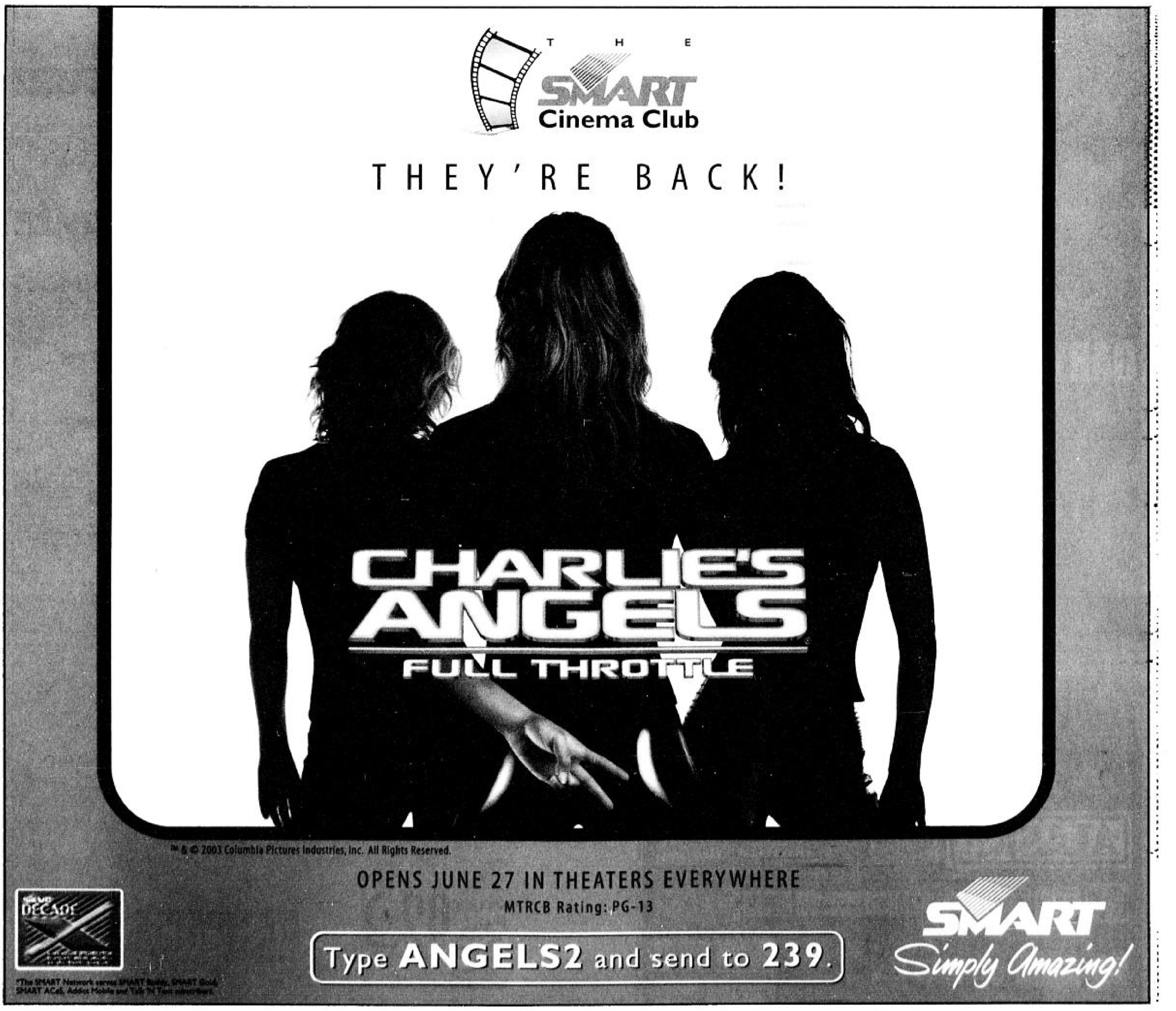
Gary says it would be a pity if developments would continue to reach only cities like Lucena and Manila. "I want to help change their way of living," he says in Filipino, referring to San Antonio's people, "to give them basic needs and services."

He considers the town, with its visible areas of neglect, "so near yet so far" even when it is merely two hours away from Manila by car. He says the town lacks suitable roads and other structures vital to running the community. He says he had to help the *barangay* captains request for the construction of a multi-purpose hall, a request that the Senate granted.

He is now pushing for a new schoolbuilding so that students of San Antonio's national high school won't have to hold classes in a place that is used as a marketplace on weekends. The market stench and environs, he says, are not conducive to studying. He hopes to complete the school project if he would be voted town mayor.

## Past loves

Gary's wife, actress and newscaster



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**JULIANA PALERMO** gets caught in cyberporn.

Bernadette Allyson, was at first against his political plans but she eventually relented.

"I knew she wanted to stay in broadcasting, so I supported her," he says. "I expect the same from her."

He says he and Bernadette are similar in certain ways, particularly in trying to be tolerant, as well as patient and considerate, of each other's character and profession. For instance, he still keeps mementos such as photographs, letters and videos of former MTV VJ Donita Rose, who was his girlfriend for six years. Bernadette herself keeps souvenirs of her own past loves. But neither one feels any jealousy "because the memories are part of identities," says Gary.

Gary is used to starting his day early. He works out and jogs as early as 7 a.m. For eight months, however, he has had to forego these, at least until 10 a.m. when his wife gets back from the newsroom, because he has to watch over their daughter Icee, who is now 15 months old.

Gary and Bernadette hired a nanny, but they prefer not to depend on her. On days when he and his wife both have to work and when their mothers are not free to babysit, one of them brings Icee to work–to news tapings at NBN Channel 4 with Bernadette, or tapings at ABS-CBN with Gary.

GARY/ C6

**"PROPER LEADERSHIP"** is what Gary promises to bring to his small town in Quezon.

# Lucy Torres, homebody, would rather stitch

**SHOW TIME**

WHO WOULDN'T know Lucy Torres, this beautiful woman whose face has graced countless TV commercials and print ads, and who is married to one of the most popular–and controversial–actors in show biz?

Aside from her many product endorsements, Lucy is also a sought-after TV personality and cover girl for leading magazines. Lucy, however, says she is just as content being out of the limelight and attending to the simpler things in life. This means taking care of husband Richard Gomez and their daughter Julianna and managing her household.

"I'm really a homebody at heart," says Lucy. "When I don't have tapings or shoots, I spend the free time at home either organizing things or working on crafts." These include pottery, ceramic painting, beading, and now needlecraft.

"I've been cross-stitching since college," reveals Lucy," and my first pattern was an angel. I love to sew, whether it's just mending things or creating designs on fabric, and cross-stitching came very naturally to me."

Lucy has also tried her hand at crocheting. "We have this vintage table runner at home that was crocheted by my grandmother, and I love it very much because it was a beautiful piece with dainty pink and green flowers."

For needlecraft, Lucy says she uses DMC threads, "which is what my grandmother also used," and which Lucy also now endorses.

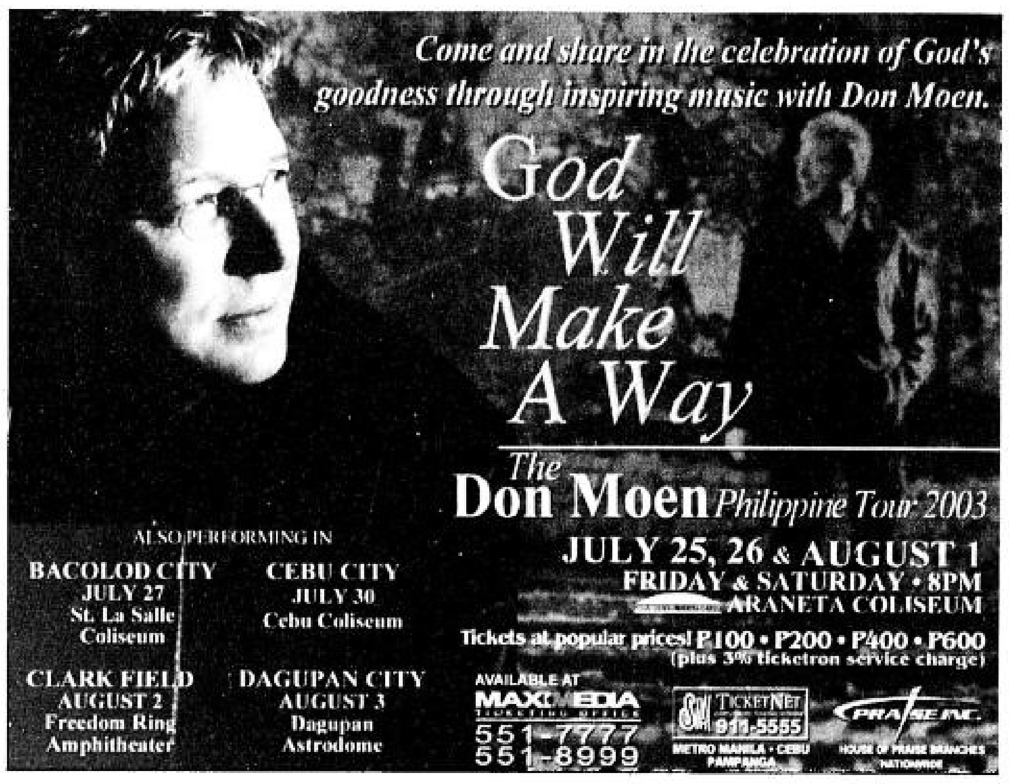
"When I started cross-stitching, I usually did angels and themes like that," says Lucy. "Now, I choose patterns that I know will fit Julianna's room or the person I intend to give my work to as a gift."

"I think doing crafts are productive ways to while the time away," she adds.

**MRS. RICHARD** Gomez prefers the home to the limelight.

## DID YOU KNOW...

Sen. **Loren Legarda** took time out from her lawmaking work at the Senate to go malling with her son Lean at Greenbelt 3 last Sunday afternoon. They were with only one bodyguard. Legarda recently moved to her Forbes Park residence, given by her husband, former Batangas governor Tony Leviste.



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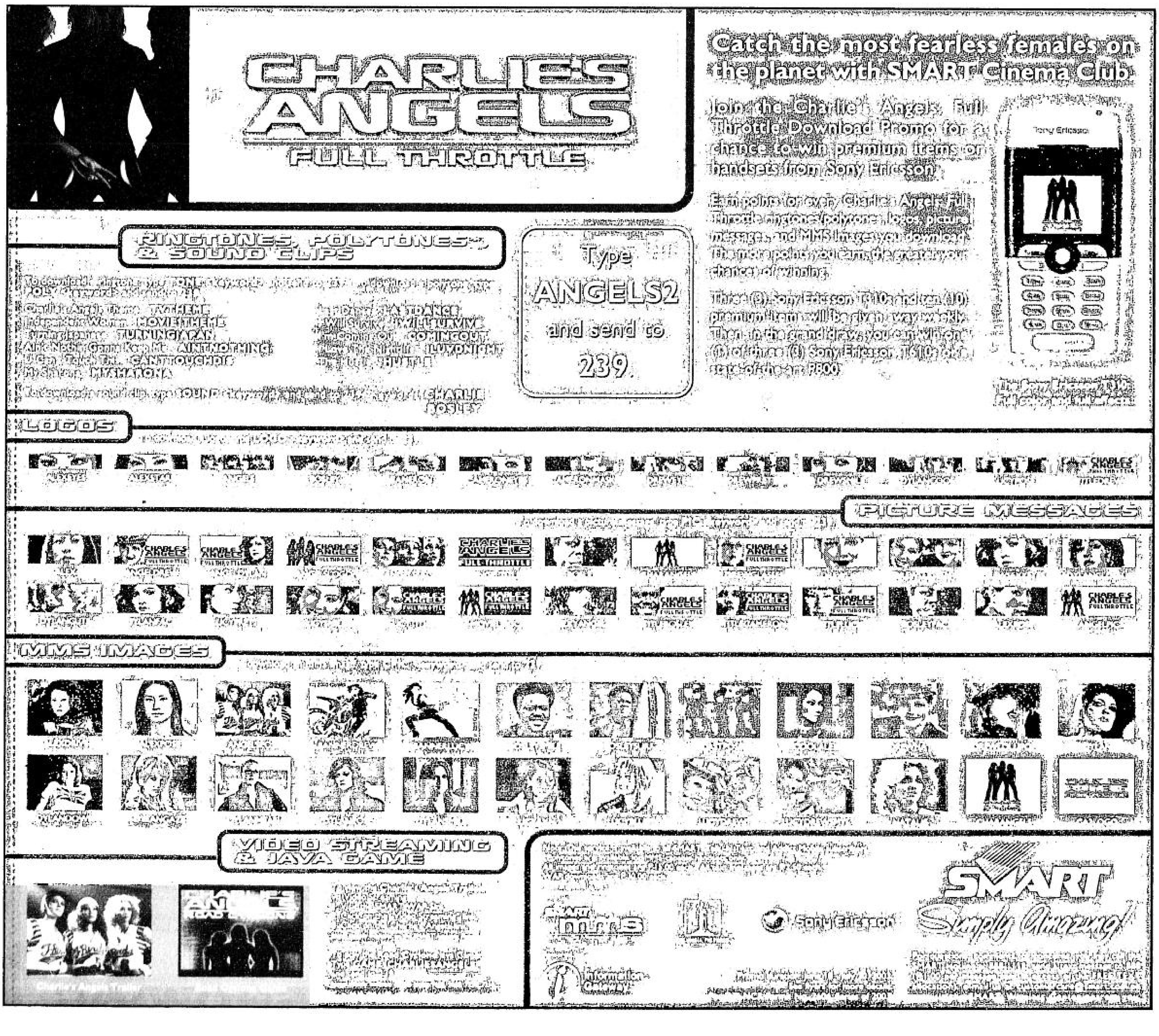

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# Gary to join Estradas...

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"Show business has been good to me," says Gary. "It puts food on the table."

Beyond that, he says, it also gives him and Bernadette a sense of fulfillment. He considers himself lucky that he has been in show biz for roughly 10 years, with a two-year break after which he has returned with his leading man status still intact.

He is now promoting "www.xxx.com," an experimental film shot using digital technology and directed by Tikoy Aguiluz, about the lives of several people involved in an online portal, sexypinay.com. It also stars Juliana Palermo, Carlo Maceda and Angelu de Leon.

Gary portrays a pimp who tricks Fil-Am girl Joana (Palermo) into joining his cybersex business disguised as a regular Internet café.

Gary plays another sexy role in "www.xxx.com." *"Hindi naman 'yan* (sexy roles) *ang (mahalaga),"* he says. "People know I've been doing sexy roles. At the same time, I do action movies. I just want to satisfy my thirst as an actor."

Gary is one of those in show business who belie the empty-headed image of stars. Gary, the son of the late actor George Estregan, is a business management graduate of the Far Eastern University and the Asian Institute of Management.

# Willie: From now on...

From page C1

**ESTRADA**

as long as they don't overdo it," he cautioned. *"Kung wala naman talagang*double-meaning jokes *'tapos isu-*suspend *ka,* I think that's too much."

During Wednesday's "MTB," Estrada had said on the air, *"Hindi namin kailangan ang* raise. *Ang kailangan namin, awa."*

But after the show, Revillame told INQUIRER Entertainment that Estrada was just in a jesting mood. *"Bakit awa,"* Revillame said. *"Ano naman ang ikakaawa sa amin?* OK *naman kami."*

Revillame said he missed his hosting job during the five-day suspension, and it now felt good to be back on the air. He said he spent the suspension days in Las Vegas, where he taped a special episode about Filipinos living in the gambling mecca for his Saturday afternoon show, "Willingly Yours."

Estrada reportedly spent the suspension in the South, with his girlfriend Vanessa del Bianco, who had come back from her home in Canada.

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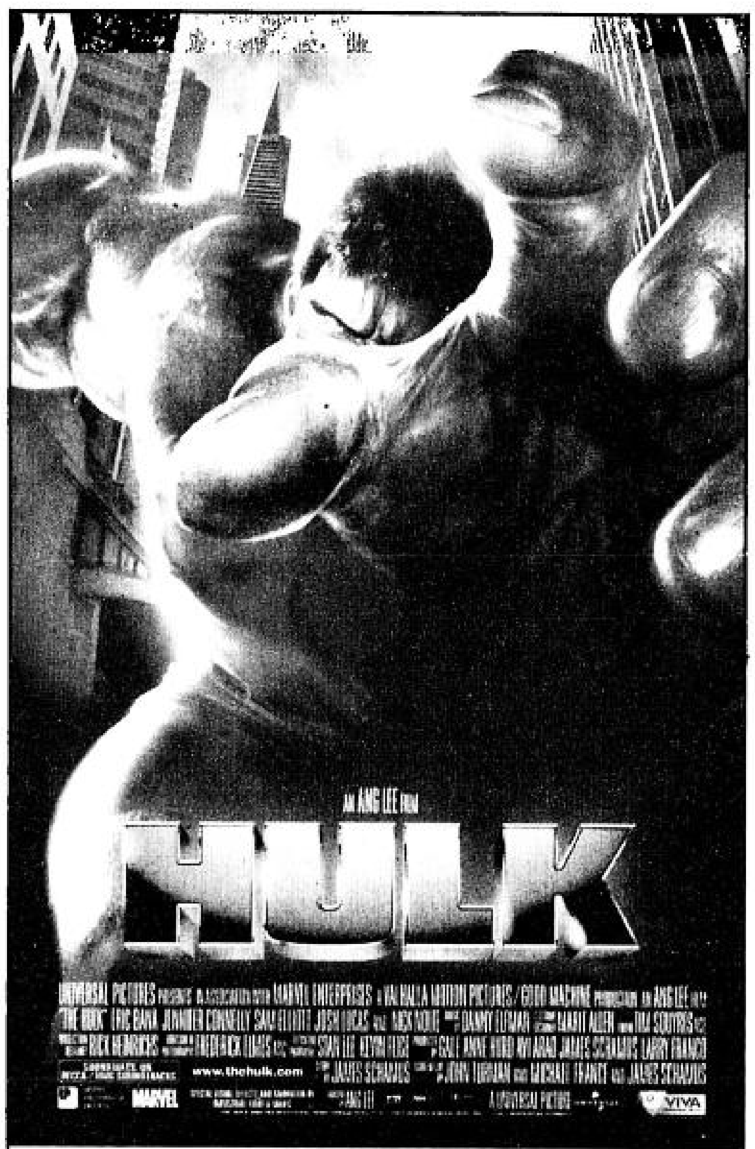

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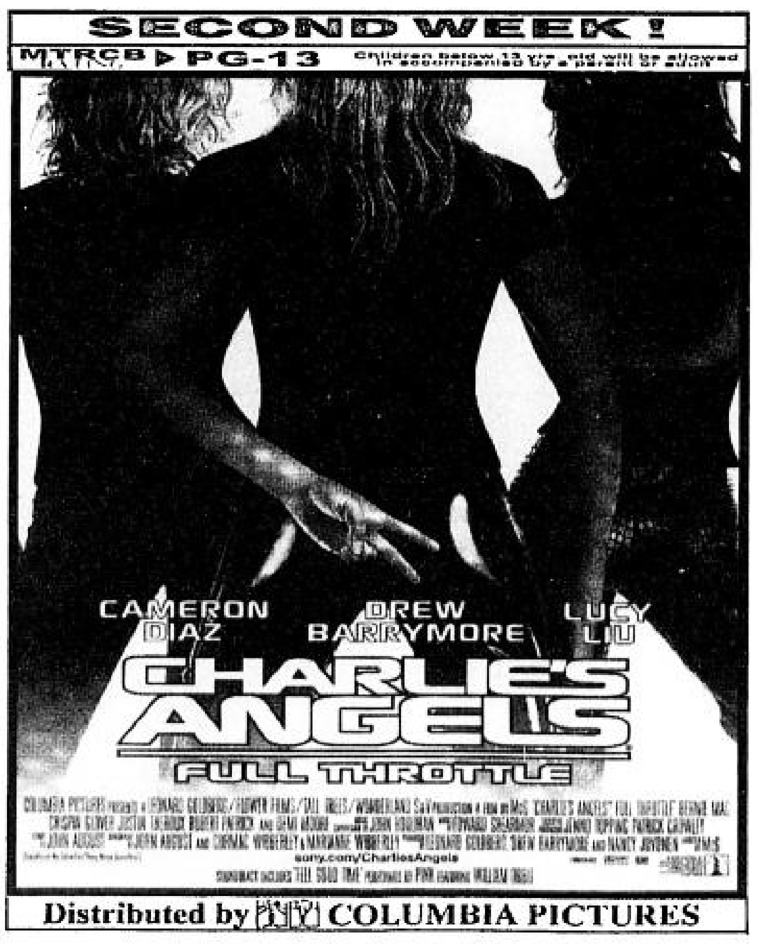

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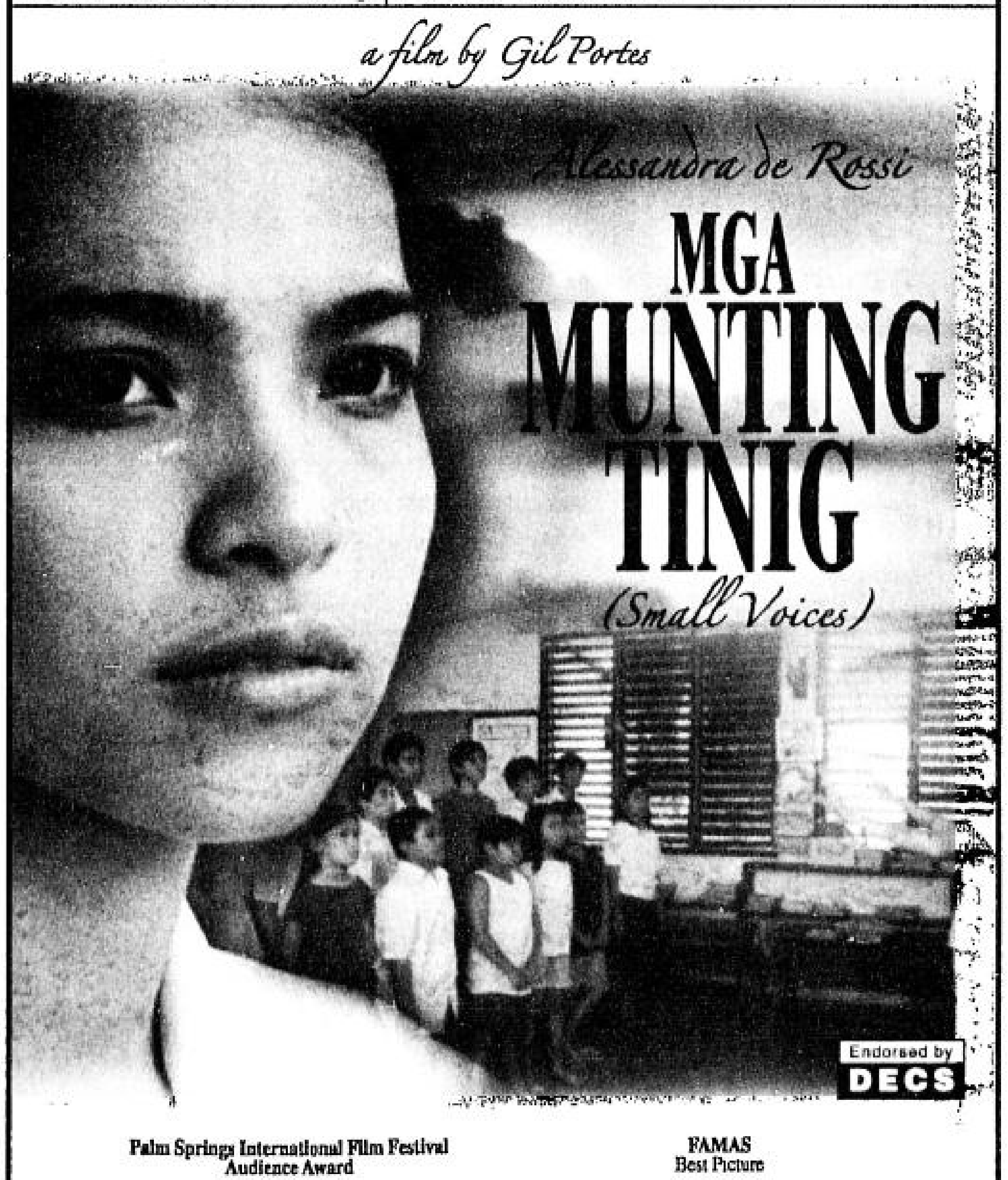

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# That's Entertainment...

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scream and cheer for The Tigers instead of young bachelors Gary Valenciano and Martin Nievera.

## Fatherly Germs

Alejar recalls, "At the time, *'pag* grand variety shows, *ang laging* finale *ang grupo namin, hindi sila. Ganoon kami kalupit noon, grabe! Naiiyak lang kami kasi walang* videocam *noon.*"

When the group lay low, he continued his studies, taking up political science in college. He pursued a solo career as a singer, and became a host of "That's" soon after. Alejar finds legendary *Kuya* Germs "very professional and like a second father."

Alejar was a member of the star-launching program from the start, doing supporting roles in movies and enjoying the singing, dancing and hosting gig until he finally decided to move on in 1992. The same variety show produced the likes of Lea Salonga, Janno Gibbs, etc.

Alejar left the show about a year and a half before it finally succumbed under the glut of hosts, about 20 of them each day. He still laments this unfortunate turn: "The reason we were very effective and very popular then was there were only four of us daily. One of the secrets in marketing is, you have to have a sense of affiliation. *Kaya ka nga bibili ng produkto, kasi naaalala mo siya. Eh, wala nang* affiliation. Finally, I said it was time to move on."

IN CONGRESS, he is chief of staff of Rep. Ed Zialcita.

## Passion, professionalism

The very animated Alejar considers show biz a hobby now, and his current job is his bread and butter. During his rest period last year, he played the role of a gay man in an independent foreign film, "Intermates," with former "That's" colleague Ian Veneracion. The movie was directed by Hamilton McLeod and was shot in Batangas and some parts of Quezon City.

"It's easier to be gay when you're not gay," Alejar says of the role he found amusing, *"Talagang arte-arte lang. Nakakatuwa nga."*

The "Intermates" experience was enriching for him partly because of the auditioning process, an uncommon practice in the casting of local movies. *"Hindi dahil sikat ka, ilalagay ka doon,*: he says. "It has to be professionalized, at least to a certain degree. That will also give artists the motivation to be better. There is a process, and you don't get a role just because you're popular.

"You have to be passionate about your craft. No matter how good you are, you will always be criticized. When you don't have the passion, you will be easily disillusioned.

"You have to be ready to 'prostitute' yourself one way or another to really make it big," he adds of stardom. "But it's very rewarding, in terms of finances and friends. The key is to be contented where you are."

He cites the major difference between the local entertainment landscape then and now: "The money was not as big as it is now. But, on the other hand, *lumabas din naman 'yung* passion for the arts, and money was truly secondary. *Mas magaling ang* marketing ngayon."

'THAT'S' DAYS had Alejar sending fans screaming.

## Stars and politics

Of the many industry figures he has worked with, he considers Eddie Garcia, the late Leroy Salvador, the aforementioned Henares and Ynfante, and, of course, *Kuya* Germs to be very influential during his show biz stint.

While he hasn't truly turned his back on performing, Alejar says without hesitation that it isn't his priority anymore. When asked if he's interested in becoming more active in politics, he shrugs: "There have been feelers from several groups, but (I'm not ready) now. I'm not considering it. My prayer all the time is, I want to serve as many as a I can, regardless of where it is, maybe as a priest... Who knows?"

Of stars-turned-politicos, he is against those who are still divided by their priorities, those who can still be seen doing sitcoms or making other show biz appearances.

"If you run, you leave show business," he says. *"Isa lang talaga.* They'll say, look at Reagan... But when Reagan became governor, he stopped making movies."

He does commend the efforts of a few devoted ones who have excelled in politics.

"You're damned if you do, damned if you don't, *ganoon talaga.* But the main concern there is sincerity. *Iba lang ang* 'shooting' *dito*, live bullets, not 'lights, camera, action.' You have to be very careful."

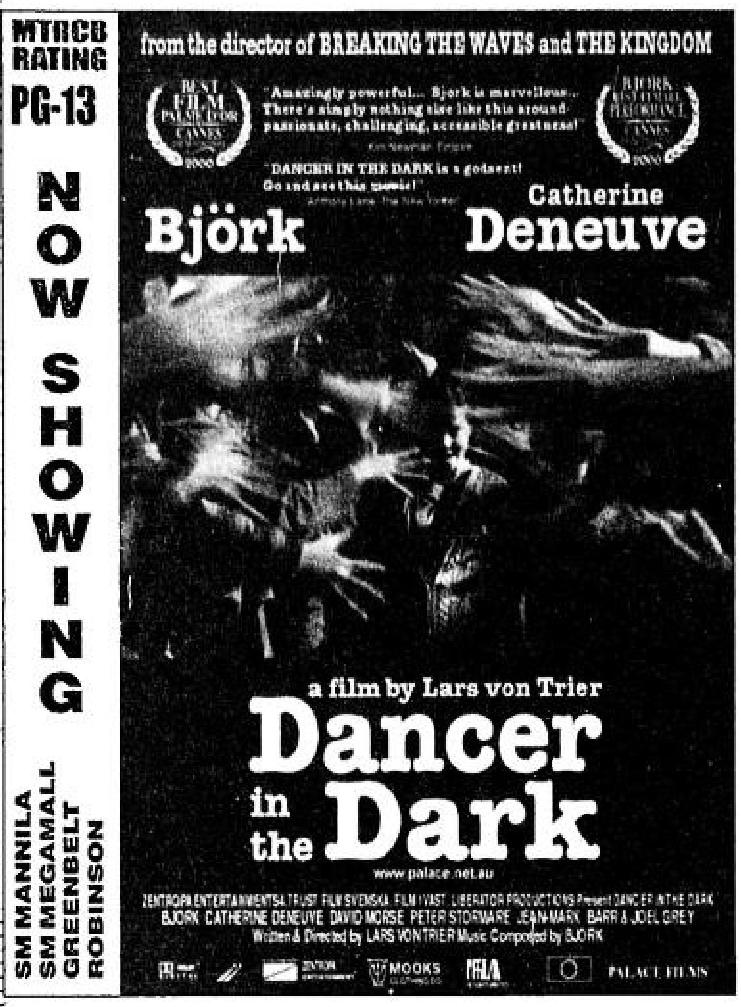
## Radio counselor

He's also now giving practical advice in a nightly, two-month-old AM radio program, "Sey Mo, Sey Ko" on dzEC. Known only on the air as 'Jojo A," (although his distinct vocals can be heard in the show's opening jingle), Alejar and his co-anchor May Ann Villanueva give sound options to a diverse range of listeners who call in and text problems from teenage pregnancy to dysfunctional family ties.

"These people need someone to talk to who's not from their circle, somebody with an objective point of view," he says. 'Just like in chess, more often than not, the ones who think better are the kibitzers. There's no pressure, no involvement, no attachment. But we give advice in a most diplomatic way."

Alejar still composes and records original songs when he's not working. "I had an album of love songs out almost two years ago, and all the proceeds I gave to PGH. That's why I have complete equipment at home. That's also to de-stress myself."

He has accomplished a lot in such a short span, and owes it to an adage he lives by: *"Kung gusto, maraming paraan; kung ayaw, maraming dahilan."* In short, where there's a will, there's a way. Perhaps that positive outlook is also the secret of this 37-year-old's youthful appearance.



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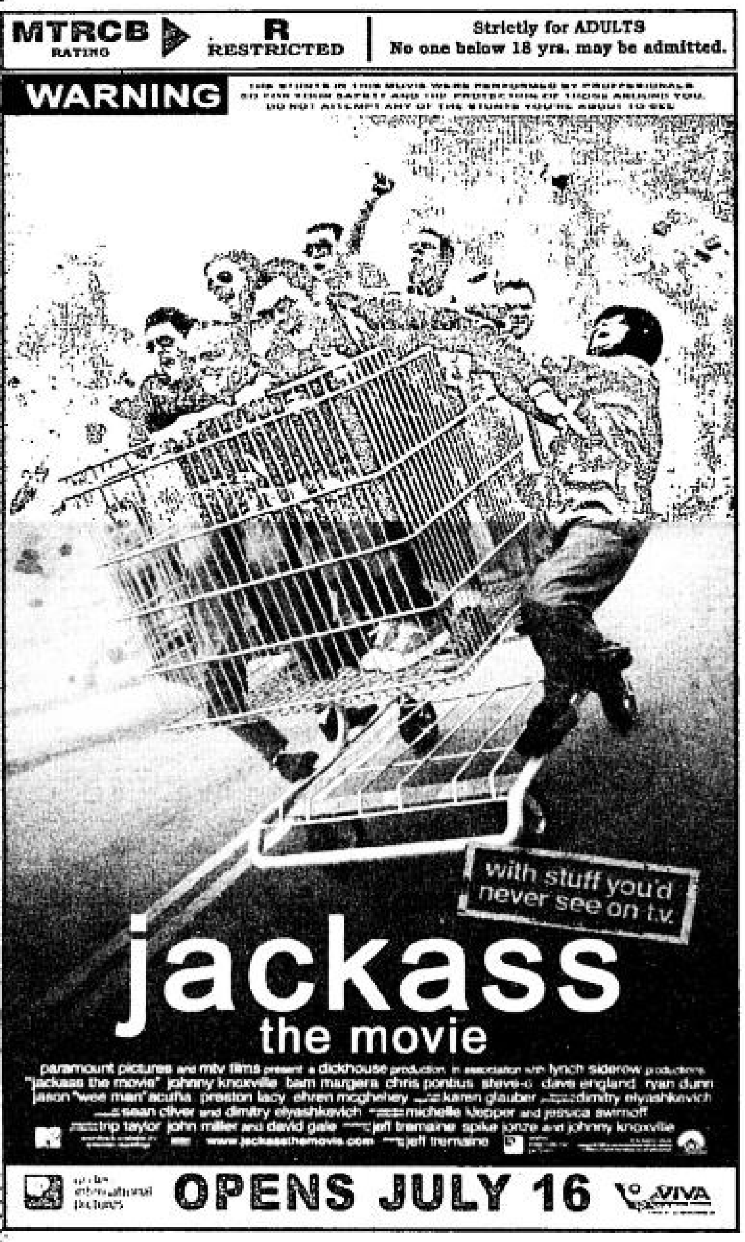

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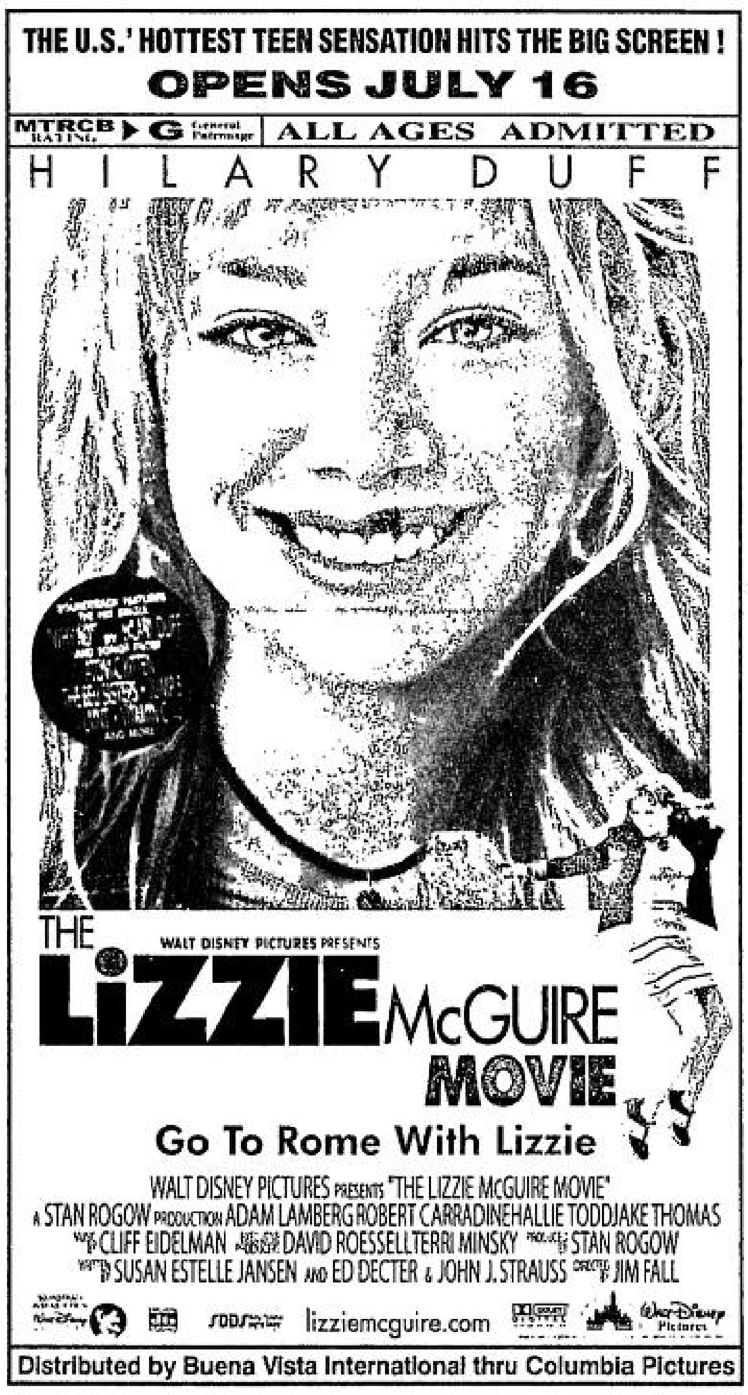

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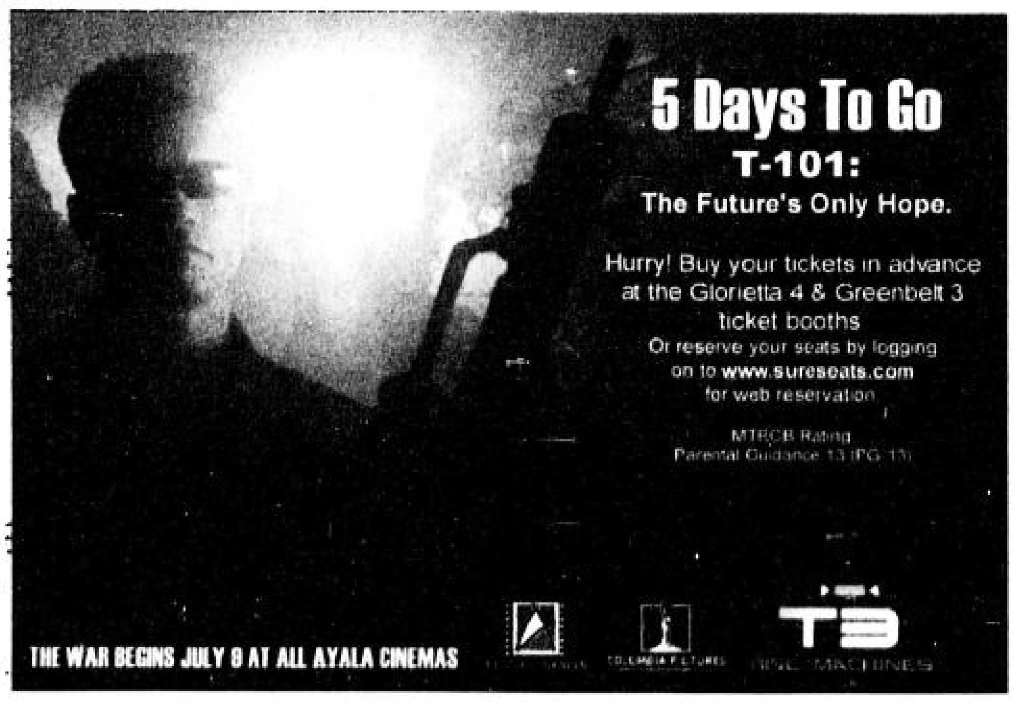

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# That's Entertainment, this is politics

**By Oliver M. Pulumbarit**
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JOJO Alejar doesn't look a day older than when he was last active in show business in 1987, at the height of his popularity.

Those who remember him from the late '80s in the afternoon program "That's Entertainment" would easily acknowledge that he remains youthful-looking, even as his looks belie the wisdom that the former teen performer has accumulated since then, 11 years after his departure from German Moreno's landmark variety show.

In the cozy Taste of LA café on Roces Avenue in Quezon City, one of his and his friends' fave after-work haunts, Alejar candidly recalls his life after leaving show business in the '80s.

"I went into private business," he says. "At the time, real estate was still booming, very bullish *pa yung* market *noon eh*. We put up builders, *parang* contractor and real estate, and that's where I met one of my mentors in business, Ed Zialcita, who was then chair of PEA (Philippine Estates Authority) and who was also part of the board of trustees of Pag-Ibig Funds.

## Congress duties

"I concentrated on that. We had several housing projects. When he ran for congressman (in Parañaque) and won, he got me to be his chief of staff."

That's a radical change of pace from a prominent singer-dancer-actor of two decades ago, who was well known for doing his soulful rendition of "Your Eyes" and for dancing with the group he co-founded in high school, The Tigers. The group shot to pre-cable TV fame on the late night Channel 7 show "Penthouse Live," hosted by then-newbies Martin Nievera and Pops Fernandez.

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"I do administrative work," he explains. "I oversee people both in the district office and in Congress. I also do paralegal work like making House resolutions, I take care of inter-department correspondences. I also do speeches. I write and proofread some of the congressman's speeches.

"Show business is a glamorous job," he adds, "but there was something in me that wanted to get involved in issues and concerns."

He has many fond memories of his heyday as a high-profile celebrity, however. The Tigers, formed when he was in Marist High School, first appeared on the Ariel Ureta-hosted "Patok na Patok" and eventually landed a spot on "Penthouse Live" through TV bigwigs Ronnie Henares and Fritz Ynfante. Female fans would

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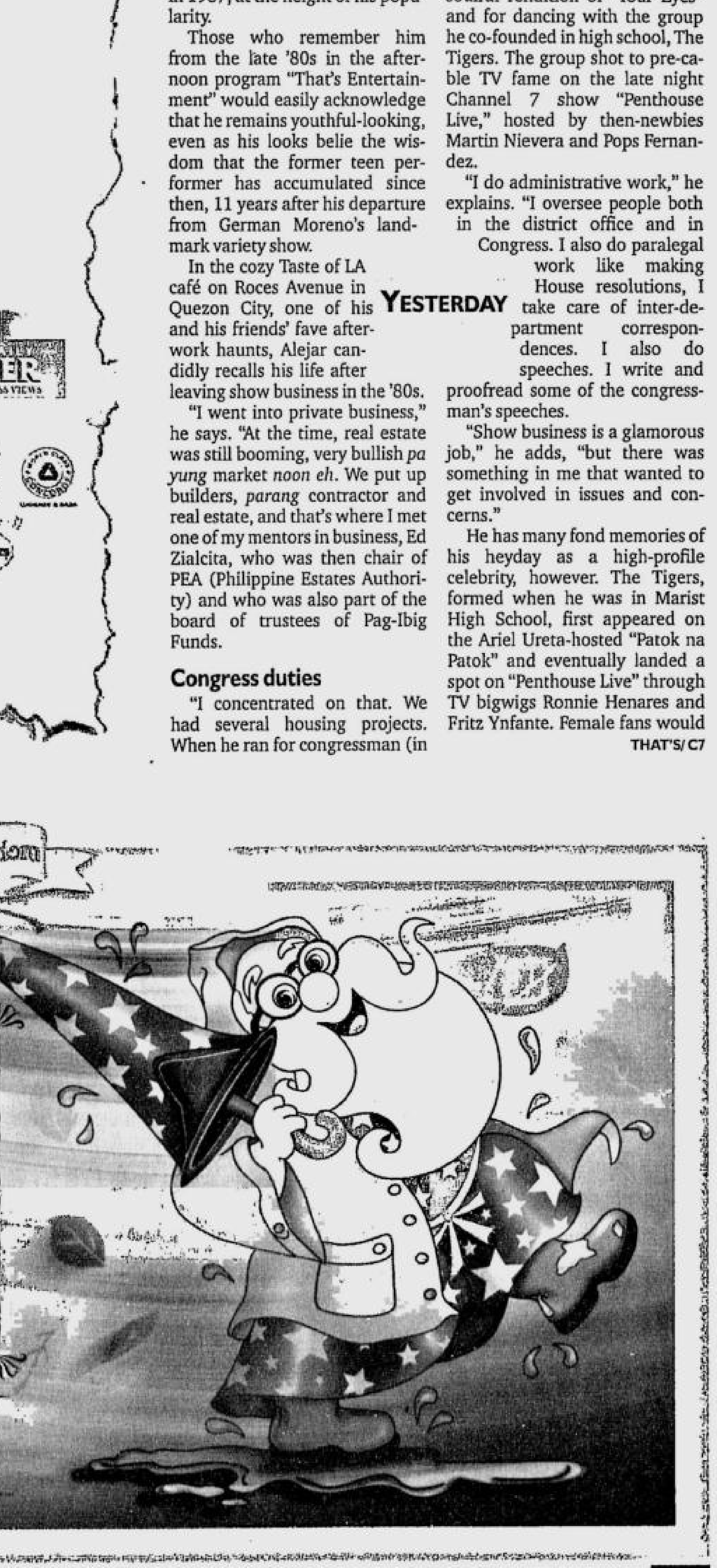

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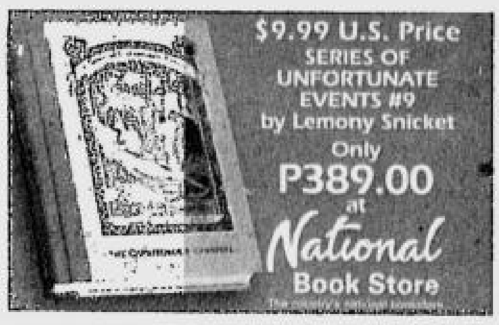
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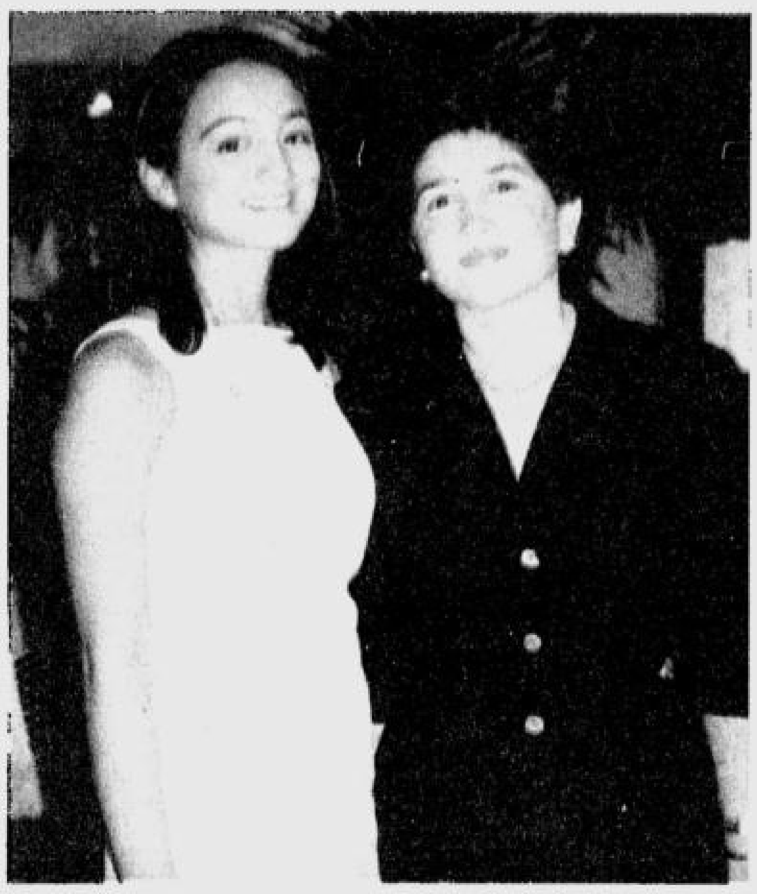

**WITH MOM,** Rosemarie Delgado. Ines is wearing a Tocca dress.

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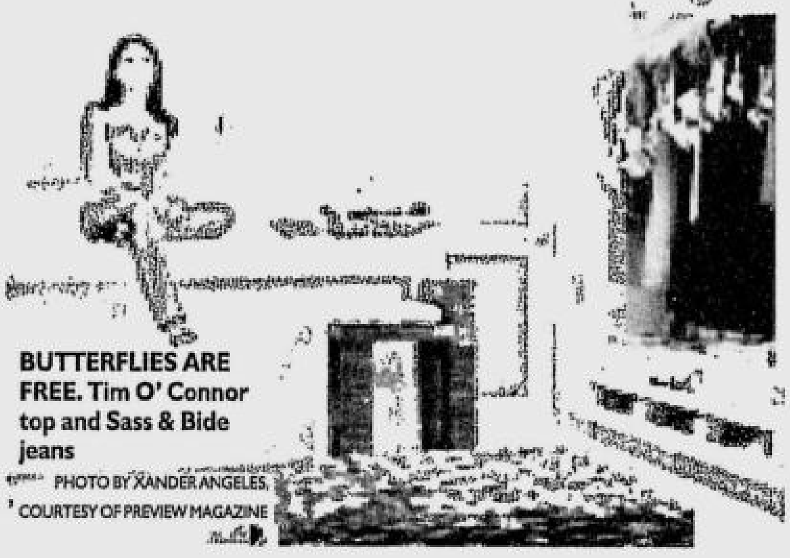

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**EXTREME CLOSE-UP.** Ines wearing Wayne Cooper top and Sass and Bide Jeans.

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## Chic chart

### Toiletries

**Shampoo/conditioner:** Kerastase
**Toothpaste:** Aquafresh
**Soap:** The one my dermatologist has given for my face
**Scent/perfume:** Nenuco

### Makeup

**Lipstick:** MAC
**Moisturizer:** Jergens
**Blush:** Clinique
**Foundation:** Clinique
**Eye shadow/mascara:** Clinique
**Sunscreen:** Bain de Soleil

### Clothes

**Jeans:** Paper Denim and Cloth
**Top:** Balarmani tie-dyed *kurtas*
**T-shirt:** Three Dots, Velvet and Michael Stars
**Pajamas:** J-Crew
**Lingerie:** Bonds and Victoria's Secret

### Accessories

**Handbag:** Bottega Veneta
**Watch:** Rolex
**Shoes:** JP Tods, Manolo Blahniks and Jack and Rogers sandals
**Sneakers:** Y-3s and Puma

### Hi-tech

**Mobile phone:** Sony Ericsson Tri-Band

### Others

**Restaurants:** Sala, Mamma's, People's Palace, Mati and Tsukiji
**Lifestyle store:** B @ Home
**Florist:** Toni Parsons
**Soda:** Royal Tru-Orange
**Gym:** Home gym
**Music:** Brazilian bossa nova, Luis Miguel, Diana Krall, Mario Frangoulis, Laura Pausini and all the Coster CDs
**Magazines:** Vogue, Elle, Harpers Bazaar, InStyle, Travel and Leisure, People Magazine

From page D1

Ines' passion does not only lie in fashion. She works as the programs associate of the Asia Society Philippine Foundation Inc. The foundation, which has its head office in the US, aims to foster better understanding between the United States and Asia, be it through business, the arts, culture, education, etc.

One of the projects Ines is currently working on is a lunch for the upcoming visit of the Australian Prime Minister John Howard.

**Define style.**

Style reflects and defines who you are.

**Describe your personal style.**

I like to mix different looks. My style is very pared down, simple, feminine with an urban, edgy and preppy touch.

**If you were to make a best-dressed list, who would be in it?**

Queen Rania of Jordan, Carolina Herrera Jr., Aerin Lauder, Lizzie Zobel, Mia Borromeo, Betty Kadoorie and Sumru Akalp, a friend of mine in Jordan.

**Who do you think is a stylish man?**

My late grandfather Beny Toda, my dad Franco Delgado and my brothers Francisco and Juan Miguel.

**Who are your favorite local/international designers?**

Local: Wynn Wynn Ong for her jewelry. International: Oscar dela Renta.

**If you had a makeover, whose style would you emulate?**

Jackie Kennedy Onassis.

**What is your biggest extravagance?**

Shopping!

**What do you wear at work?**

Comfortable capris, basic tops and flats.

**Where do you go shopping?**

Local: Itsie-Bitsie boutique! International: New York City has a lot of fascinating and exciting shops that I enjoy going to.

**How has your mother influenced your style of dressing?**

My mom always says the simpler one dresses, the more elegant and beautiful the clothes, and the way you look.

**A woman dresses to...**

Look good, feel good and feel special.

**Style tips?**

Look for special one-of-a-kind pieces that are trendy yet transcend seasons.

**Beauty secret or regimen?**

A healthy and balanced lifestyle and a good night's sleep.

**If you could have access to anyone's wardrobe, whose would it be?**

Marie Chantal Miller.

**What has been your biggest fashion faux pas?**

When I try to be really trendy and it just doesn't look good on me.

**What is on your wish list right now?**

An Hermes Bearn Japonais wallet.

**Which era would you have wanted to live and dress in?**

The elegance and style of the '50s and '60s.

**How would you define being a Filipina in the 21st century?**

Strong, driven, hardworking and totally in control.

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**LOUIE**, men's driving shoes with wrap around laces

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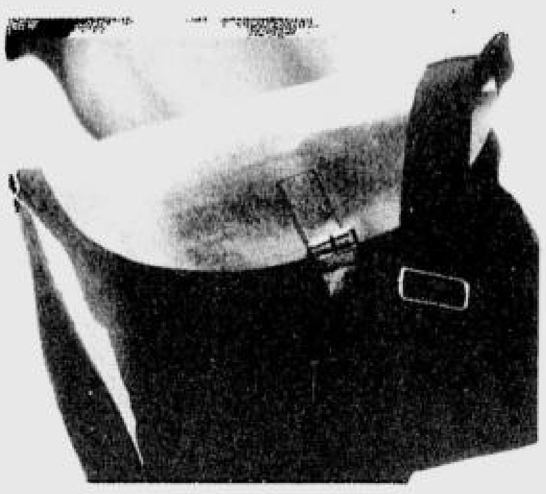

**JOAQUI**, leather and canvas messenger with single buckle

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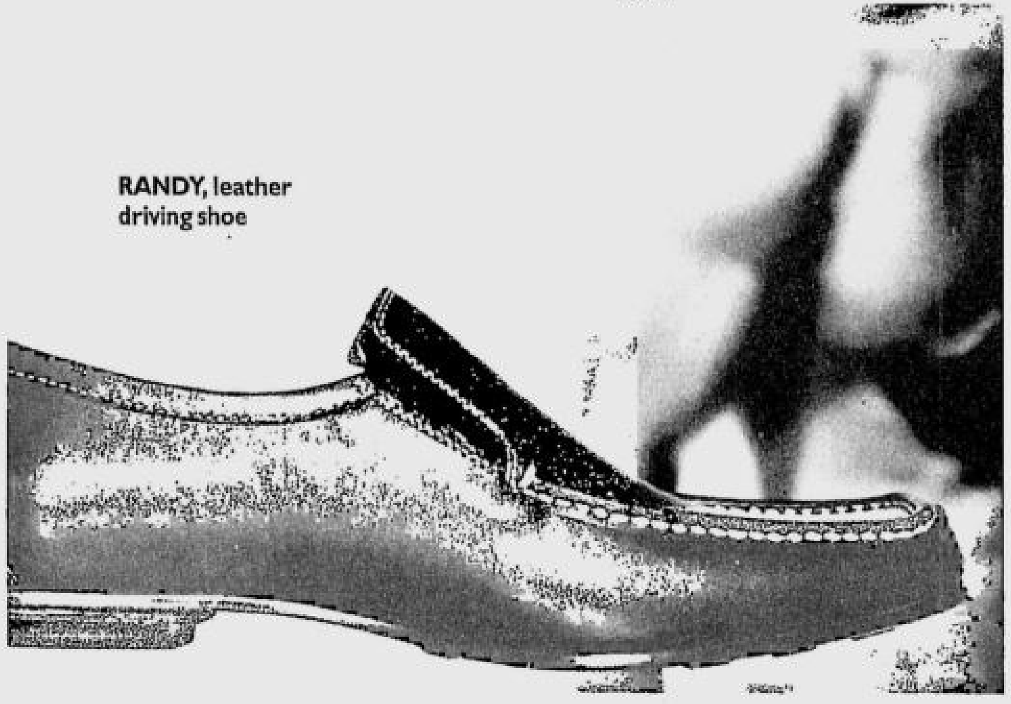
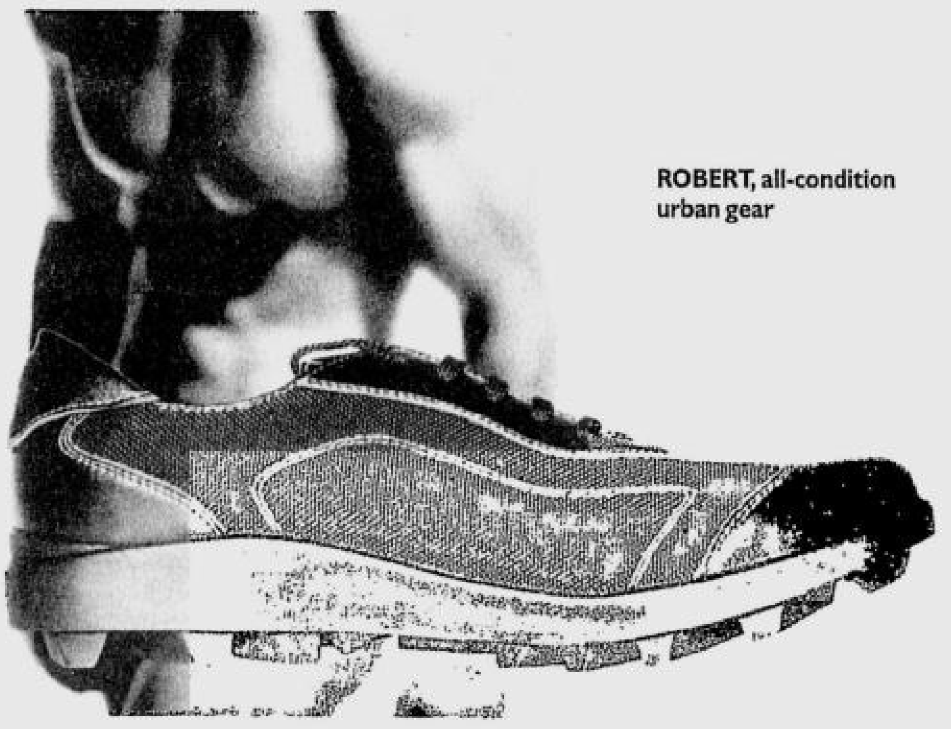
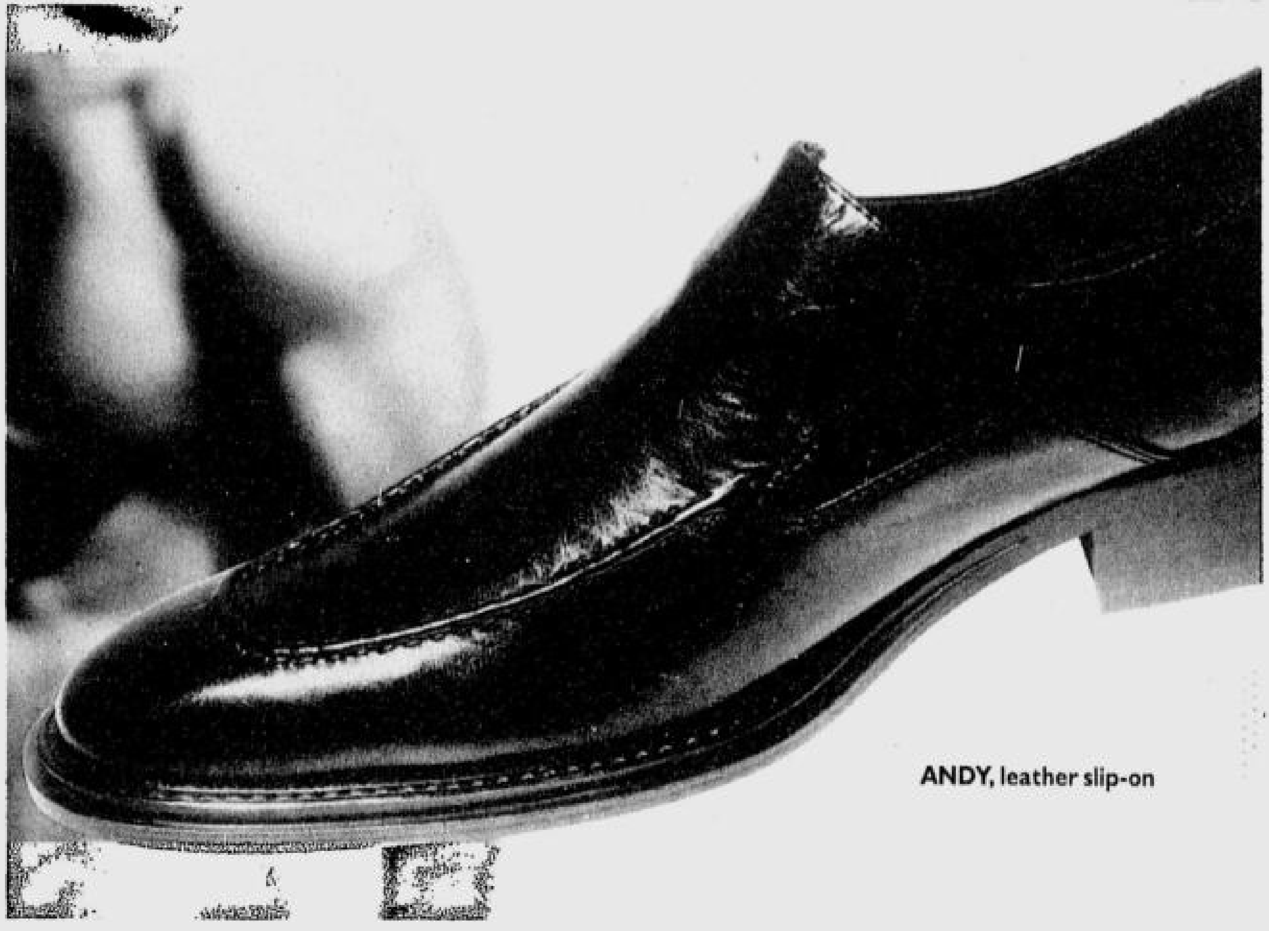


**RANDY**, leather driving shoe



**ROBERT**, all-condition urban gear



**ANDY**, leather slip-on

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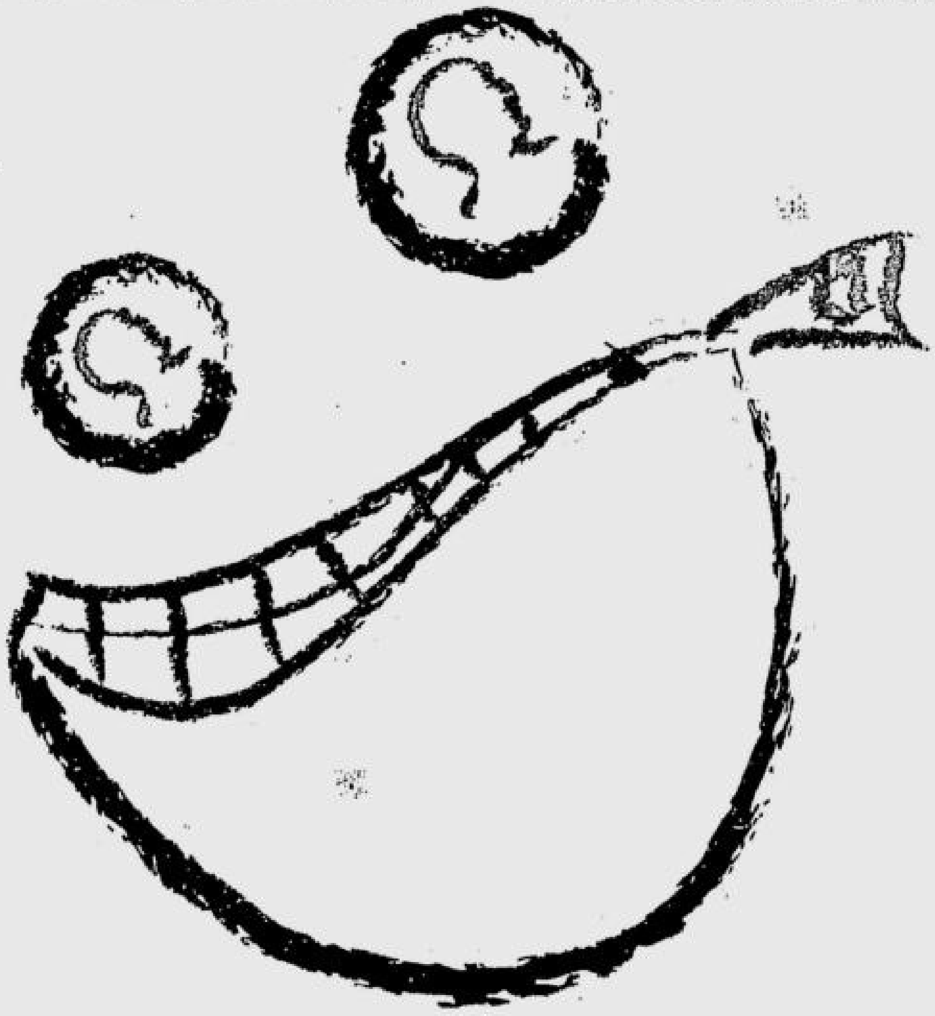

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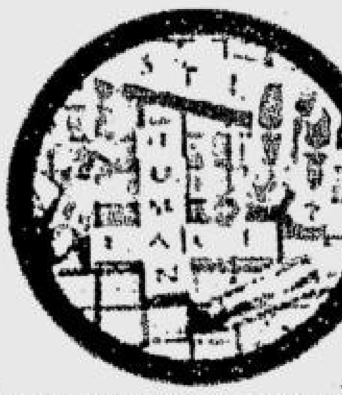
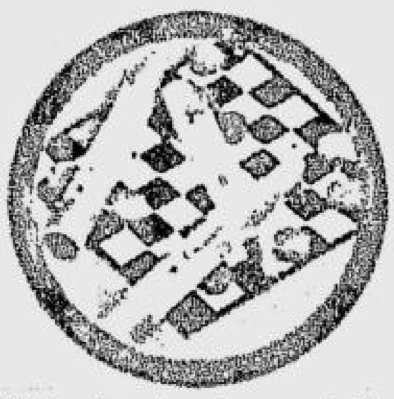
# LIFESTYLE Beauty

# The best teenage makeup at friendly prices



**THE QUALITY** of Human cosmetics is comparable to that of imported brands.



**SEVERAL** makeup brands are now in the market at prices to suit a student's budget.

## MAKEOVER 911

*Kinny Salas*

IT warms my heart to find out that teens still read my column.

Lately, I have been getting requests to feature more makeup that would suit a student's budget. I came up with several brands that have great quality, texture, color selection, and most of all, the right price tag.

The cool part? They are local brands.

**Human**—In sleek transparent and plum packaging to fit those tiny purses, Human cosmetics' quality can compete with imported brands, but in very friendly prices.

The line isn't complete, but teenagers are not supposed to be fully made up on a daily basis.

Lipstick (P120)—Six wearable shades that smell yummy, last, and hydrate the lips, giving them a creamy matte finish: Black Cherry (deep true red), Sundae (watermelon pink that looks just bitten), Popsicle (blush

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These local brands can compete with their foreign counterparts in quality, texture and packaging

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Cynthia Elazegui Sanchez,
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Cristy Elazegui Puzon,
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Like all sisters, they share secrets. Like the beauty secret that keeps them looking so young for their age.

"I learned of Imedeen thru my colleague," Cristy confides. "I immediately convinced Cynthia to try it." Pretty soon, both sisters were hooked, and for good reason. "I thought my sunspots and blemishes were there for good – but now they're completely gone," Cynthia shares. "My skin really improved. Feeling ko parang skin ng baby," declares Cristy. That's because only Imedeen helps nourish and strengthen the inner layer of the skin, resulting in more youthful, brighter and even skin tone.

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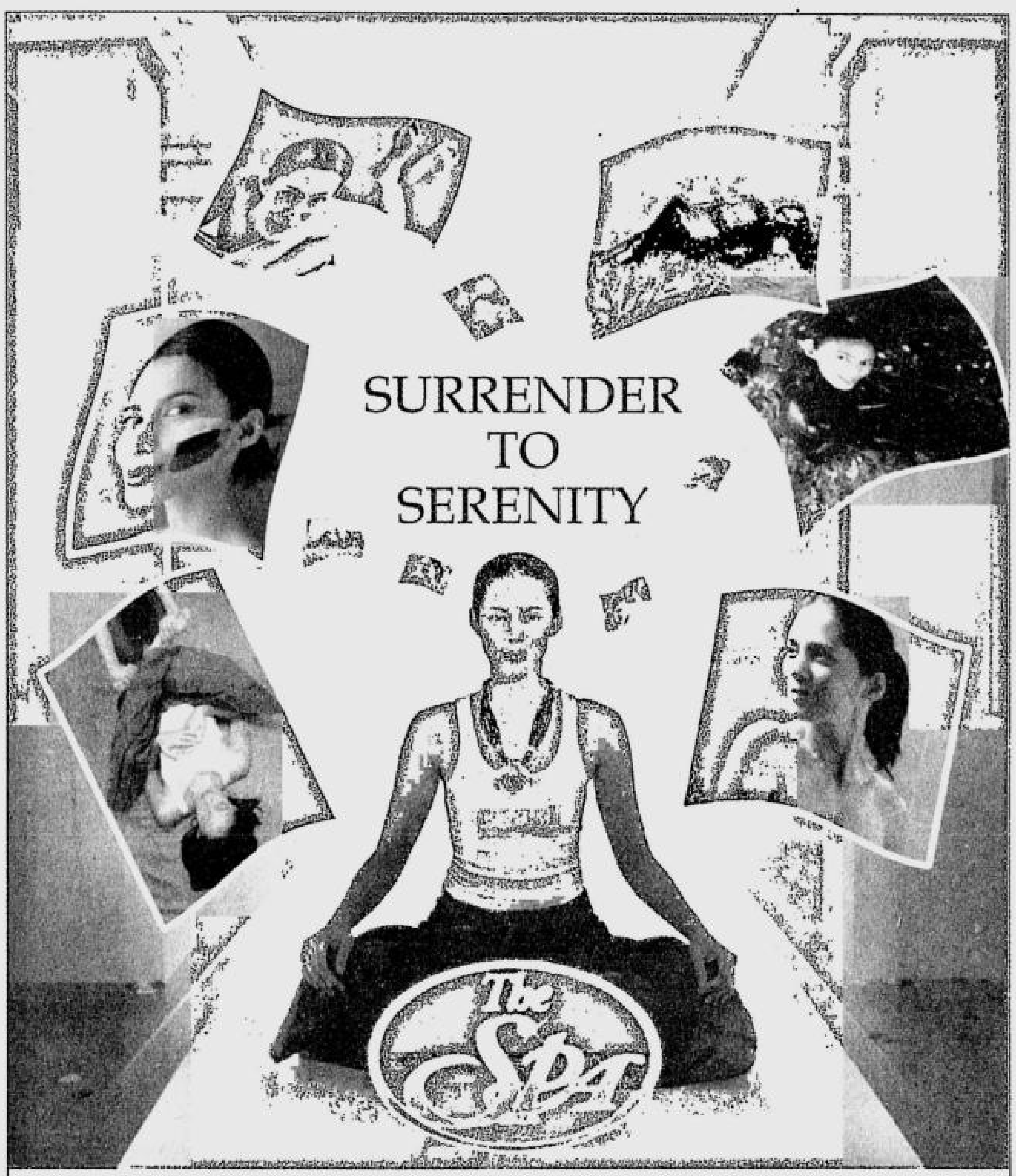

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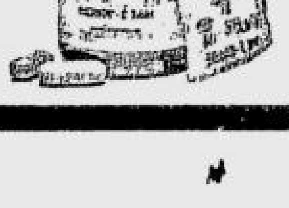

# Fil-Spanish Friendship celebration ongoing

INSTITUTO Cervantes and The Podium are celebrating Filipino-Spanish Friendship with "Amigos para Siempre... Friends Forever," a Spanish cultural week, up to July 14, at Podium's second floor.

Last year, the Senate declared June 30 as Filipino-Spanish Friendship Day to mark the long and lasting ties between the two countries.

Inspired by the Andrew Lloyd Webber composition sung by Jose Carreras and Sarah Brightman at the Barcelona Olympics, the week-long "Amigos para Siempre" at The Podium is a celebration of music, art and gastronomy. Featured on opening night, July 3, was the "Amigos para Siempre" Flamenco Show choreographed by Ginajane Grey of the Fundacion Centro Flamenco.

It will be "Spain in My Soul," a Spanish jazz evening with Sixto "Butch" Roxas and Sava, at 7 tonight. The repertoire will include the music of Luiz Bonfa, Baden Powell, Villa Lobos, Gypsy Kings, Theolonius Monk, Albeniz, Granados and Lauro.

July 5, at 7 p.m., will be a flamenco show by the Grupo de Baile Andaluz choreographed by the group's artistic director, Marissa Aboitiz. Capping the evening is "Latin Night by Wajijuara," featuring classic Spanish music.

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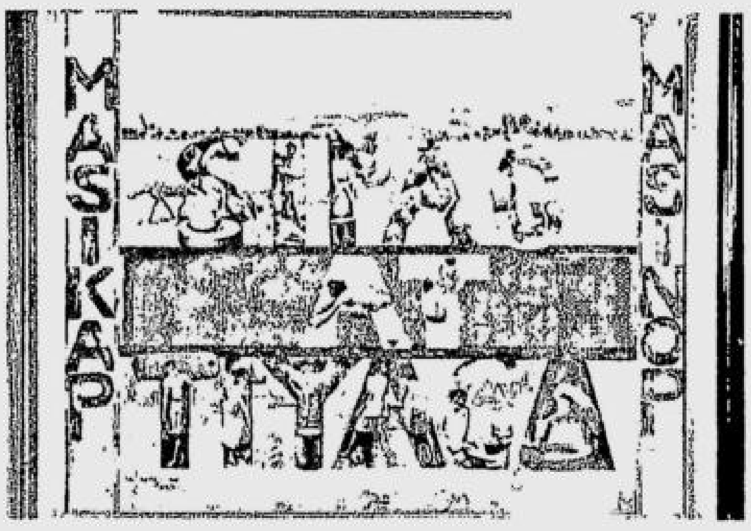

ONE OF THE WINNING artworks in the annual Letras y Figuras painting exhibit

GRUPO de Baile Andaluz

There's even more flamenco fire on Sunday, July 6 at 7 p.m., with a performance by the Grupo Flamenco de Señor Gomez.

It will be followed by Aquarela's Noche de Rumba y Samba. Led by Miguel Juteau, Aquarela's repertoire ranges from samba and bossa nova rhythms to Latin pop to the group's own compositions.

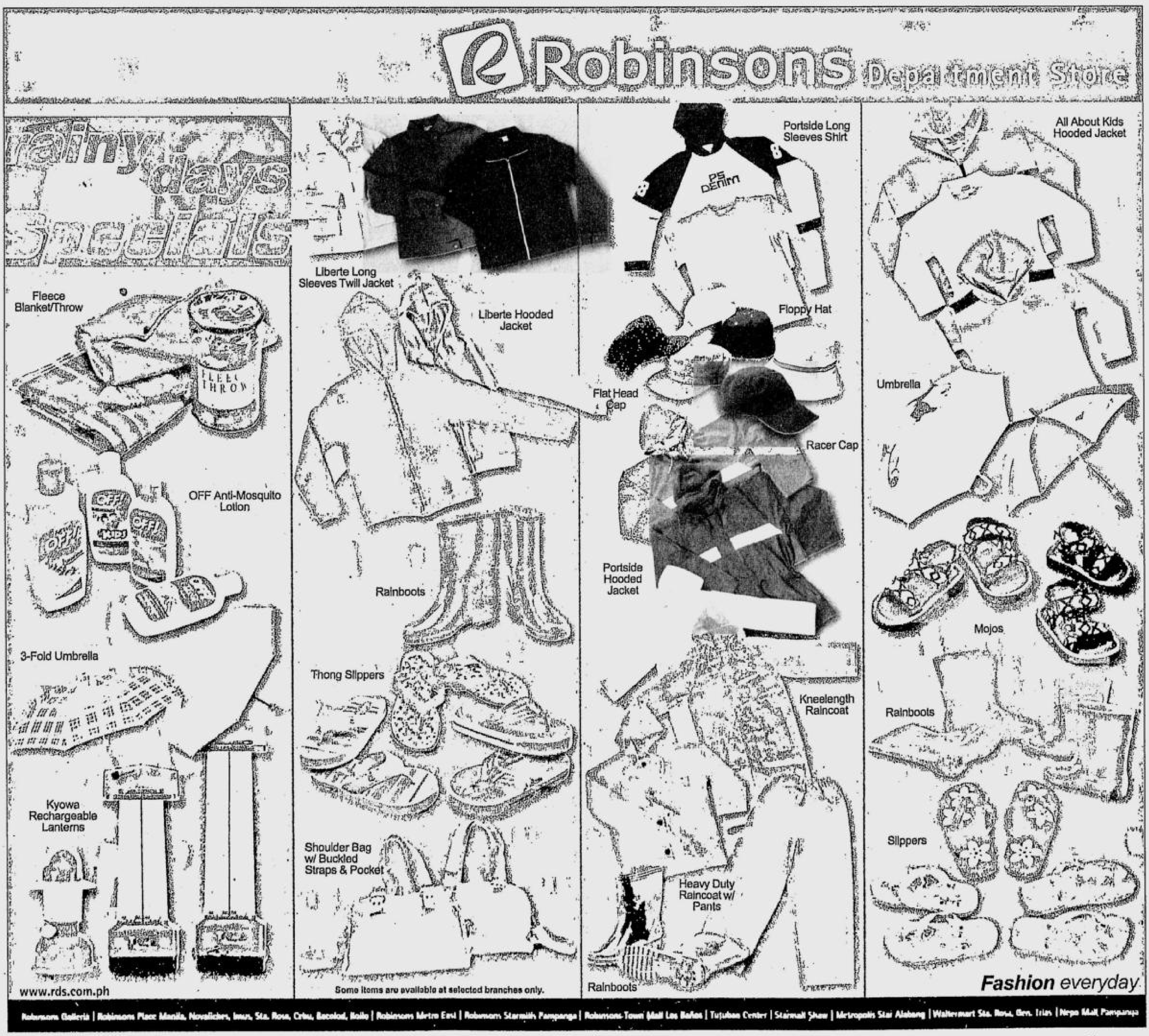
Open the whole week is the "Letras y Figuras Exhibit," which showcases the form of art depicting human figures along with everyday objects, within the structure of enlarged letters, spelling the name of the person, usually the artist's patron. It features winners in competitions held for the past 7 years. The exhibit also marks the launch of the 8th Letras y Figuras Painting Competition.

Get a taste of Spain at The Podium during the week. A Spanish Food Festival is ongoing at Casa Armas at the ground level of the mall. The restaurant is giving customers discounts of up to 50 percent on tapas and wines, a buy-one take-one offer on every glass of sangria, and samplings of *churros con chocolate*.

Also offered: Nina's Paella Day promotion where diners can eat all the paella they want for P225; Otra Cosa's free nachos for every P300 purchase; and Sitio's free glass of iced tea for every meal.

Ralph's Wines and Spirits will have a wine tasting on July 5 at 5 p.m. featuring Wines from Spain, with lectures by a renowned expert at the Activity Center.

"Amigos Para Siempre... Friends Forever" is also made possible by Smart. Other sponsors include Casa Armas, Nina, Sitio, Otra Cosa, Ralph's Wines and Spirits and J. del Pozo.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# The best teenage makeup at friendly prices

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pink), Brownie (chestnut brown), Caramel (nude pinky peach) and Snow Cone (candy red).

Lip liner is at P69—Chili (red) and Ginger (red brown).

Lip line is at P120. Lipstick and lip liner in one retractable package in three colors: Chai Spice (reddish brown), Passion Fruit (rose pink) and Chamomile (peach).

Lip balm is at P69. In three kinds, but mint julep is my favorite as it tingles, plumps dry lips and exfoliates ragged flesh on lips. Serves as a great primer for lipstick, too.

Eye shadow powder is at P99. I love Tiramisu, a cocoa and pearly beige duo. Jelly Baby is plum and baby pink, while Birthday Cake is sky blue and silvery white.

Eye shadow pencil at P120—a no-brainer way to apply shadow. Just streak across lid and smudge with fingertips: Gelato (bronze), Sorbet (blue frost) and Yoghurt (lilac).

Eyebrow pen with brush is at P69.

Fab find: A face-and-body shimmer powder comparable to MAC, Shu and Laura M, for P120. Hot Cocoa (translucent powder with gold shimmer) gives a J.Lo effect while Milk Shake (translucent with silver shimmer) is very "Lord of the Rings" (think Arwen and Galadriel glow). Apply on certain areas of face only to prevent disco ball look.

Available in all Human outlets.

Do you lack blush? Try Herbench Pretty-When-Pinched cheek stain for P115 for that Benetint effect. Pressed powder? Godiva SPF 15 and Acne Medica for oily skin.

**Bobbie Cosmetics**—Available at Robinsons, Isetann, Sta. Lucia and SM. Packaging isn't the best, but certain products surprised me, performance-wise.

Blush: Go for the Duo (P75) in sheer blush and pinkish as these give a natural flush effect. Eye shadow: Duo at P60 in Rust and Earth suits everyone as well. The eye shadow collection palettes (P105, in eight colors) come in a lot of trendy and fun colors, which is great for the experimenting teen.

Eyeliner at P45—waterproof and glides on silky. Get the one in brown. Lip balm at P45— quality is comparable to Wet n' Wild. Lipstick at P64—these smell yummy like candy and bubble gum. The creamy formula hydrates but gives a semi-matte finish even for my ultra-dry lips. Toffee (a rosy brown in the creamy formula) will suit everyone.

Prices: No item is above P105, and these cover the two-way foundation, makeup collection (two blushers and four eye shadows) and the eye shadow collection with eight colors. The rest range from P45 to P90.

**Nichido**—All their eye shadows at P58 and blush at P80 are very wearable, color-wise, and the packaging is very professional-looking like MAC. Their blush and eye shadow trio palettes are a steal and come in classy sleek packaging.

Quality-wise, I have not experienced any allergies, but they are not as tightly packed as Human's cosmetics and those of the imported brands, so some powder tends to get slightly loose. Just blow off and wipe, and all will be well.

Lipstick favorites: Skin (pinky brown) at P120 and Natural (beige brown) at P100 are rich nudes that look and feel like their imported counterparts.

Best bargain: the P50 brown and black eyeliner, which has the texture of European brands and is the longest around.

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THIS MONTH, Businessmaker Academy (BMA) is offering lifestyle seminars on practical learning skills that can be applied as a hobby or for profit.

On July 4 and 26 is the "Get Maximum Results through High-Impact Events" seminar, which will take one through all the phases of events handling, planning and management, as well as strategies, budgeting, fund-raising, legal and insurance matters.

"Accessorize Your Way with Beads," to be held on July 5, covers the use of beads as embellishments, jewelry and as gift items, how to choose beads, stones and glass, the tools needed for the craft, and beading techniques like stringing, crimp attaching, knotting and wire bending.

Also on July 5 (and on July 18) is "A Step-by-Step Guide to Business Ownership." Aspiring entrepreneurs can discover the many business ideas they can start today, as well as the advantages and disadvantages of different business roles and models. Participants will be provided a sample business plan to work on.

"Flower Fun for Special Occasions" on July 19 will tackle the different types of flowers, their meanings, seasons, costs, sourcing and types of arrangement, which can then be used in designing and making bouquets, boutonnieres, gift-wrapping decor and other arrangements.

"Create Your Own Personal Style," also on July 19, will provide samplers, makeovers and tips on fashion styles, beauty evolution, professionalism and etiquette, and overall personality development.

Other courses scheduled are as follows: Personal Health and Stress Management, "Simple Steps to A Healthier You," July 11; Personal Money Management with an Introduction to Investing, "Take Charge of Your Financial Life," July 11; Creative Balloon Arrangements for Weddings and Parties, "Fun Balloon Arrangements for Special Events, Parties and Gifts," July 18; Creative Writing for Fun and Profit, "Unleash the Writer In You," July 18; Creative Photography for Fun and Profit, "Snap Away and Take Terrific Photos," July 19; and Creative Figurines and Novelty Items for Fun and Profit, "Learn the Art of Resin-Bonding," July 25.

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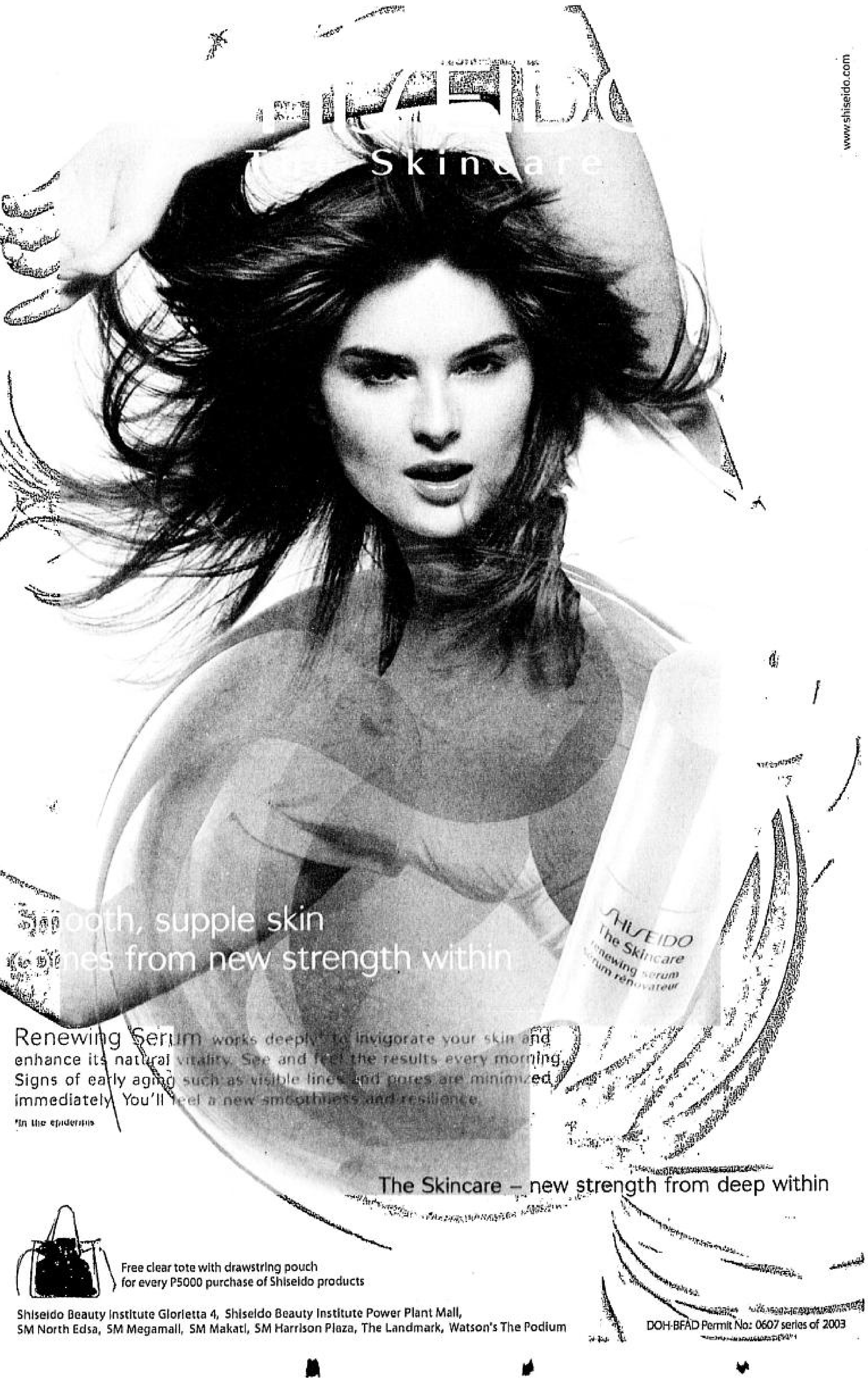
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# Trend Spotting LIFESTYLE

SHOES from Linea Italia

Here's how to care for your bags, shoes and other accessories

# Leather care made easy and more stain removal tips

**APPLES' PICKINGS**

*Apples Aberin-Sadhwani*

DO YOU know how to prevent leather belts, bags and shoes from getting moldy? I have a leather belt that is prone to molds or "amag."

According to shoe designer Lila Almario, molds usually thrive in damp places. Could you be storing your leather accessories, specifically your leather belt, in a particularly damp place? If so, all you have to do is to move it to a dry storage area, after you clean and condition it, of course.

If that does not seem to be the problem, Lila surmises that the water content of that piece of hide might be higher than usual.

"It depends on how the leather was treated. Since we will never know unless we investigate the source, which could be far-flung Brazil, seat-of-the-arts Italy or amid the mysterious hustle and bustle of India, you just have to do the next best thing. That is, to subject your leather goods to frequent, periodic cleaning," says Lila.

Leather conditioners are now available at the Bass retail stores or at the Bass shoe stall in Rustan's, Besa's and other shoe repair stores. You may also use a product called Kiwi Mink Oil from JM Marketing. It is available at the Robinsons Galleria basement.

Here are some more additional, easy-to-follow tips on how to care for your leather accessories:

### Shoes

- Leather breathes so don't wear your leather shoes day in and day out. Give it time to dry. Alternating shoes will make them last longer.
- Use shoetrees to maintain the shape of your shoes.
- Polish your shoes periodically to avoid cracking.
- Reheel and resole whenever needed.
- Use disposable inner sole cushions to absorb odor and sweat.

### Bags and belts

- Just as you would shoes, clean and apply conditioners and protective sprays on your leather bags and belts.
- Don't use colored polish on your belts and handbags as it could stain your clothing. Use neutral-colored cream polishes, instead.
- Avoid overstuffing your handbags, as this will definitely destroy its shape, especially your more structured bags.
- When toting perfumes, colognes, hand gels and other liquid toiletries, make sure they are in watertight cosmetic bags.
- When storing bags, keep them zippered, snapped and stuffed with tissue to hold their shape.

**DON'T overstuff.** Duffle sac from Coach

In case of grease stains on polished leather, be it shoe, bag or belt, blot the stain with a dry cloth. If this doesn't work, try lifting it with a little white vinegar. And in case you have problems getting rid of mold or cleaning particular stains, simply consult with professional shoe repair stores like Besa's or Mr. Quickie.

Avoid storing your leather goods near a heat source as this will dry out the leather. And since we know that leather can mildew, remember to choose a dry storage area that has ventilation.

With proper care, your leather goods can last you a very long time, if not a lifetime even. And because fashion is but a cycle, you can get value for your money and maximize the use of your leather items by following the aforementioned practical but simple tips.

*Source: Chic Simple's Women's Wardrobe*

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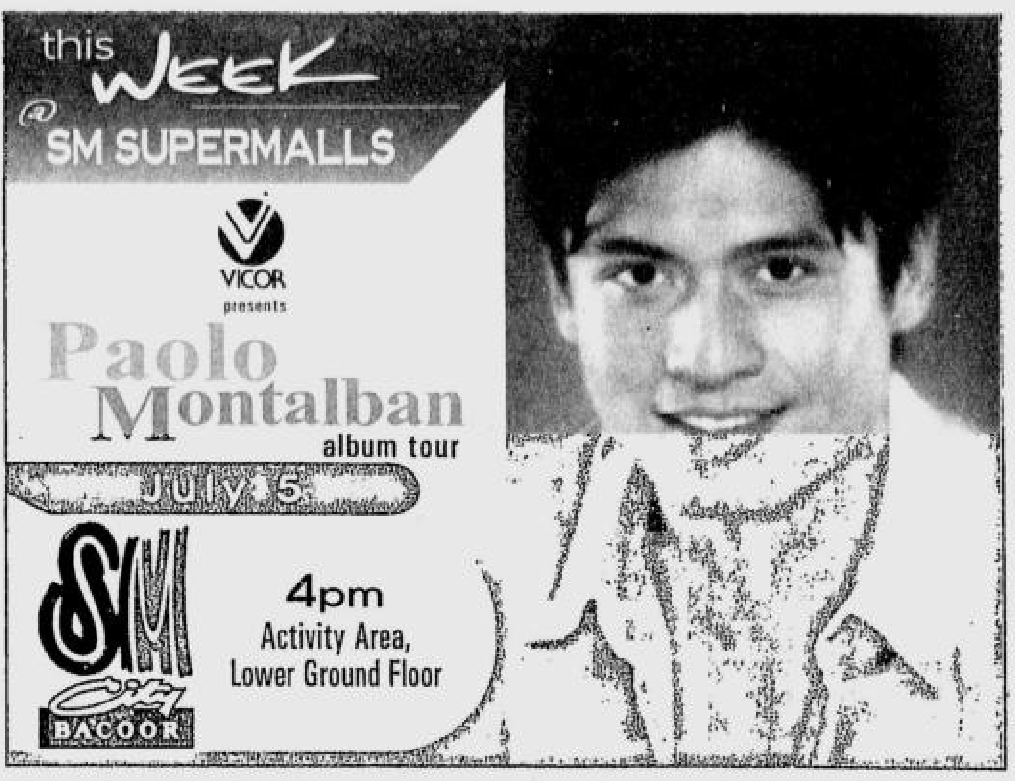

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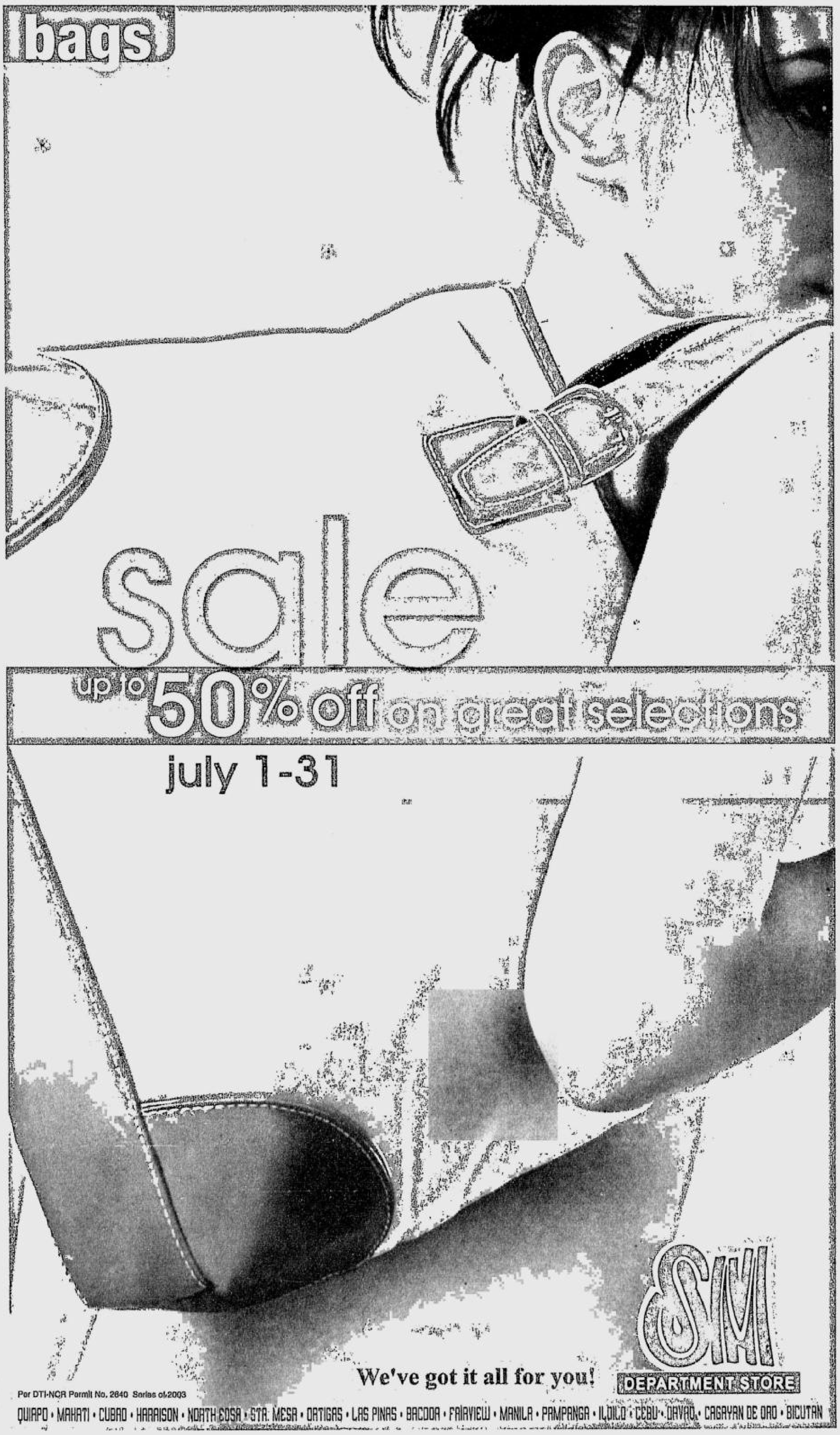

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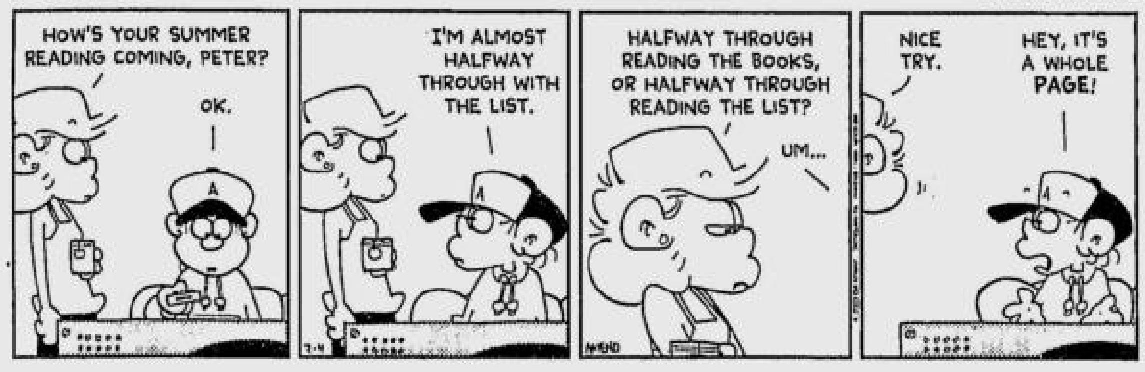
HOW'S YOUR SUMMER READING COMING, PETER?
OK.
I'M ALMOST HALFWAY THROUGH WITH THE LIST.
HALFWAY THROUGH READING THE BOOKS, OR HALFWAY THROUGH READING THE LIST?
UM...
NICE TRY.
HEY, IT'S A WHOLE PAGE!
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## MARVIN

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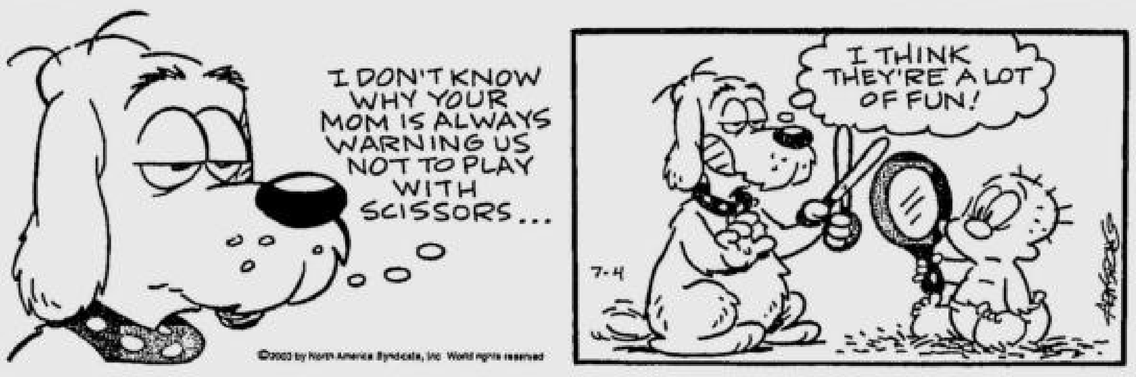
I DON'T KNOW WHY YOUR MOM IS ALWAYS WARNING US NOT TO PLAY WITH SCISSORS...
I THINK THEY'RE A LOT OF FUN!
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## BABY BLUES

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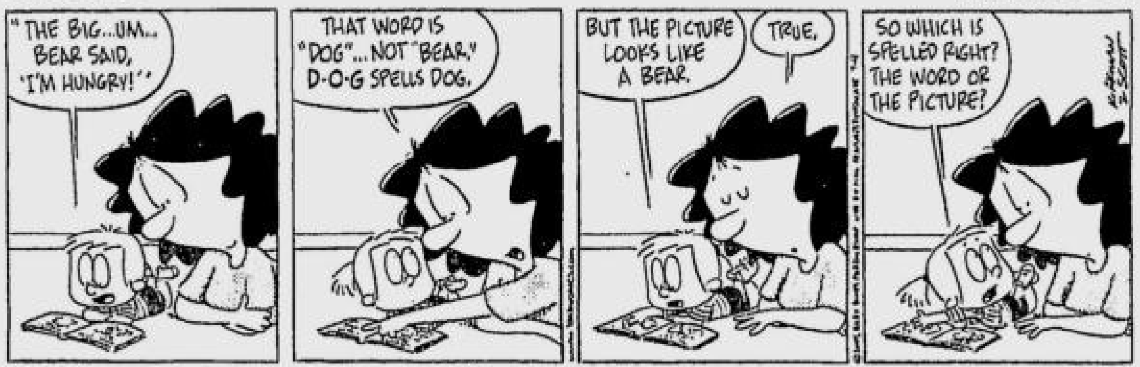
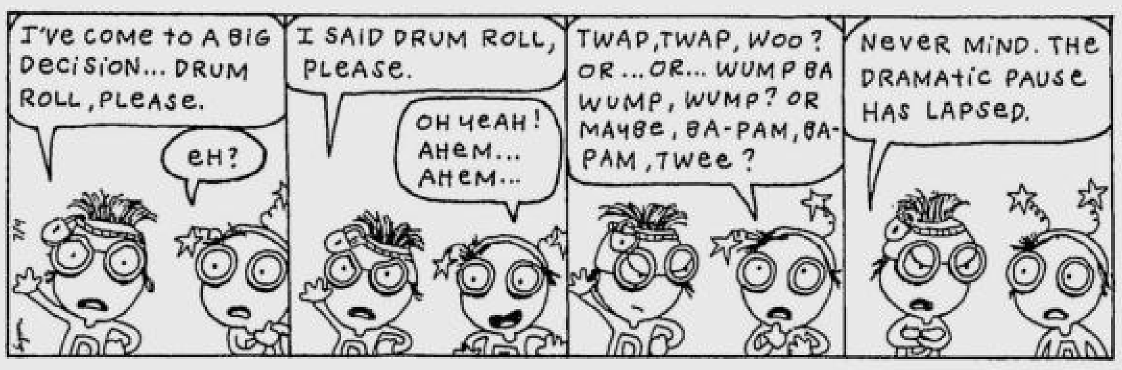

"THE BIG...UM... BEAR SAID, 'I'M HUNGRY!'"
THAT WORD IS "DOG"...NOT "BEAR." D-O-G SPELLS DOG.
BUT THE PICTURE LOOKS LIKE A BEAR.
TRUE.
SO WHICH IS SPELLED RIGHT? THE WORD OR THE PICTURE?

## ATOMO AND WEBOY

BY LYRA GARCELLANO


I'VE COME TO A BIG DECISION... DRUM ROLL, PLEASE.
EH?
I SAID DRUM ROLL, PLEASE.
OH YEAH! AHEM... AHEM...
TWAP, TWAP, WOO? OR ...OR... WUMP BA WUMP, WUMP? OR MAYBE, BA-PAM, BA-PAM, TWEE?
NEVER MIND. THE DRAMATIC PAUSE HAS LAPSED.

# HOROSCOPE

### BY FRANCIS DRAKE

**YOU BORN TODAY:** It's important to you to be proud of what you do, because your self-respect matters a lot to you. You also value your family roots. You are loyal and faithful, and generous to loved ones. You sometimes need periods of solitude to feel grounded or work on projects. You can expect more solitude this year through study and learning.
**Birthdate of:** George Steinbrenner, baseball businessman; Abigail Van Buren and Ann Landers, advice columnists.

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19):** This is the perfect day to buy something that makes where you live look more attractive. Do something to bless your domestic scene.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20):** Your talent to talk to others, influence people and even sell something is excellent now. You'll have this advantage for at least a month. (Yowsers!)

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20):** Your focus really turns to money now. You're thinking of ways to make it and spend it. Expect opportunities to do both.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22):** Four planets are in your sign now. This is all part of the Grand Plan to help you enter this major new phase of your life. It's a good day to buy wardrobe items, because you need new clothes.

**LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22):** Attend to banking needs or financial matters, but after that, seek some special solitude just for yourself. You need time to sort out some things.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22):** With the Moon in your sign today, you have the advantage over everybody else. You go after whatever you want. You might not get it, but there's no question that the odds are in your favor.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22):** Your ability to talk important people into agreeing with you is quite astounding now. You always were smooth—but now you are lethal! No one can resist you.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21):** Make plans to travel or do something different. You need to blow this pop stand. You want a change of scenery—new faces and new places to stimulate your mind.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21):** Lucky you! For the next several weeks, gifts, favors and advantages through others easily come your way. Keep your pockets open—and a smile on your face.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19):** With fair Venus opposite your sign, your ability to smooth over difficulties with partners and close friends is excellent now. Use this to your advantage!

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18):** You will find that co-workers are unusually supportive now. Use your natural networking skills to make good headway on your job. Make hay while the sun shines.

**PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20):** This is the perfect time for a vacation. If you still have to work, schedule fun activities as much as you can. Romance is very promising.

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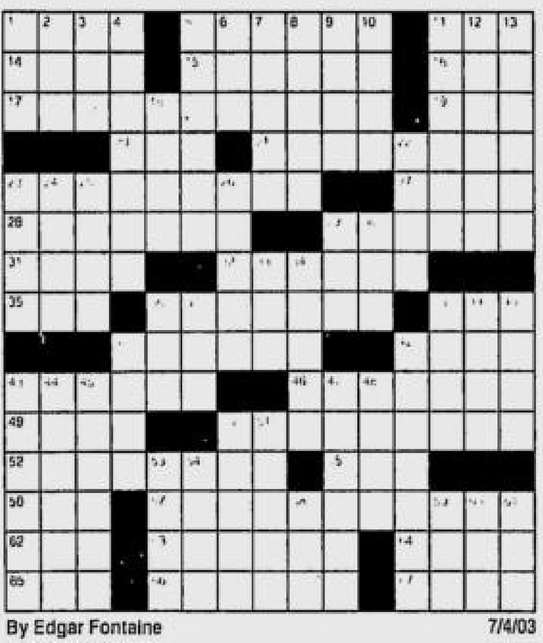

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ACROSS
1 Tim of "WKRP in Cincinnati"
5 Mention
11 Big galoot
14 Basilica section
15 Imagine
16 Part of TGIF
17 A president
19 Unsettle
20 Tavern by a tube station
21 Lab vessel
23 See 45D
27 Earthen pot
28 Supervise
29 Later, maybe
31 Interesting introduction?
32 Encloses snugly
35 Sea eagle
36 With 57A and 11D, what 17A, 50A and 23A have in common
38 Chest bone
41 Port on the Black Sea
42 Fisherman's wish
43 Souped-up car
46 Serpentine
49 Aleve target
50 A president
52 Gunfight
55 "__ Fly Away"
56 Haw's partner
57 See 36A
62 Chapter in history
63 Hit one's drive
64 Small salmon
65 Air-leak sound
66 Become bony
67 Be certain

DOWN
1 British rule over India
2 Clean-air watchdog grp.
3 Bell ' suff.
4 Cook in fat
5 Sound quality
6 Fuss
7 Slow, in music
8 Allen or Carpenter
9 Platte River people
10 Yard divisions
11 See 36A
12 Fit for farming
13 Shoot
18 Litigates
22 Day-care charges
23 Jupiter
24 Of all time
25 Dylan Thomas poem, "__ Hill"
26 Leaks slowly
29 Born in Paris
30 Unusual
33 Wrong: pref.
34 Nervy
36 Old name for Tokyo
37 Marked a box
38 Philbin's co-host
39 List element
40 Four-posters
41 Sandwich cookie
42 Misfortune
43 Hodgepodges
44 Earth pigments
45 With 23A, a president
47 Haughty
48 Angelic feature
50 Invaders of Kent
51 Holy Roman emperor
53 Oz pooch
54 Eleven's numerals
58 Like some apts.
59 Secretariat jockey Turcotte
60 However, for short
61 __ now brown cow?

### Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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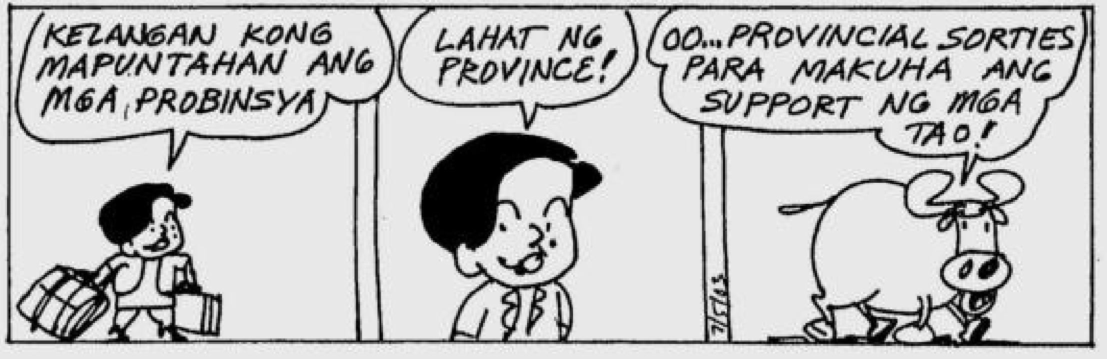
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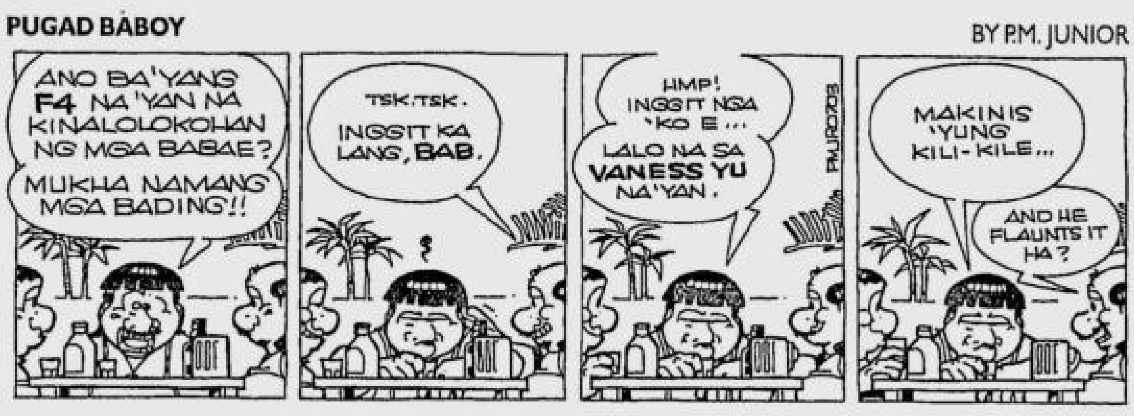
ANO BA'YANG F4 NA 'YAN NA KINALOLOKOHAN NG MGA BABAE?
MUKHA NAMANG MGA BADING!!
TSK.TSK.
INGGIT KA LANG, BAB.
HMP! INGGIT NGA 'KO E...
LALO NA SA VANESS YU NA'YAN.
PMJR
MAKINIS 'YUNG KILI-KILE...
AND HE FLAUNTS IT HA?

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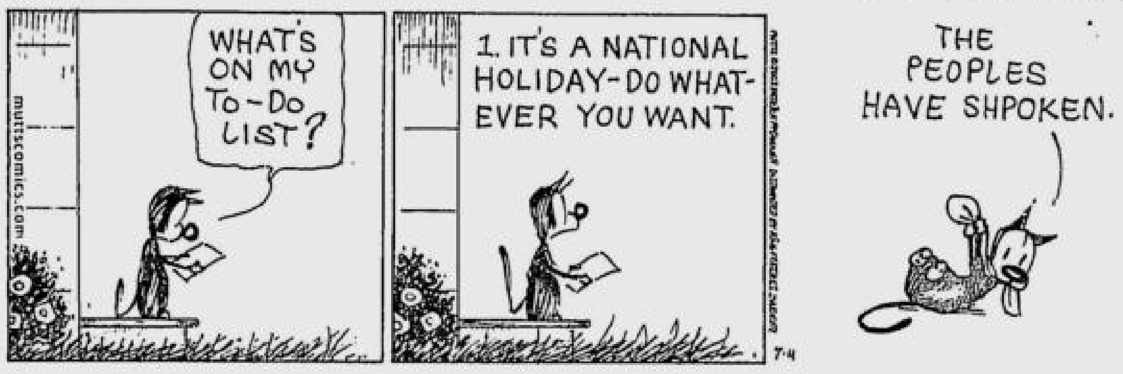
WHAT'S ON MY TO-DO LIST?
1. IT'S A NATIONAL HOLIDAY-DO WHATEVER YOU WANT.
THE PEOPLES HAVE SHPOKEN.
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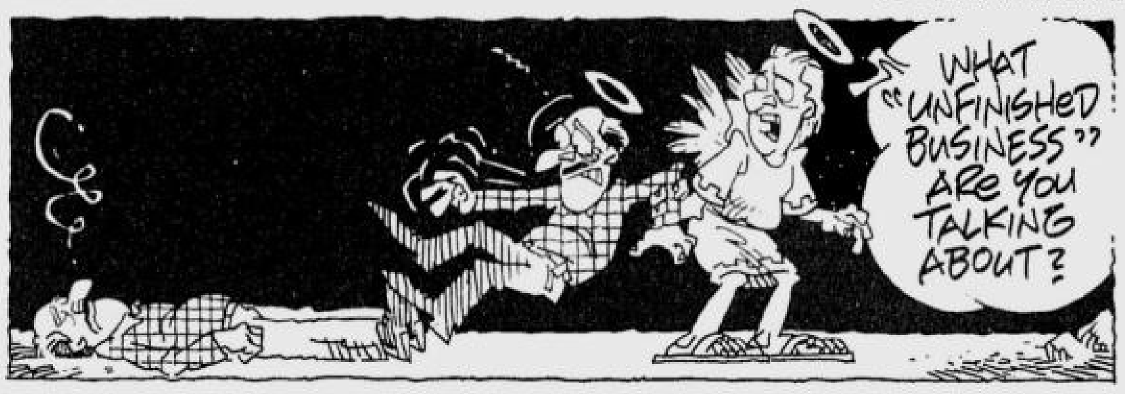
WHAT "UNFINISHED BUSINESS" ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

## BEN

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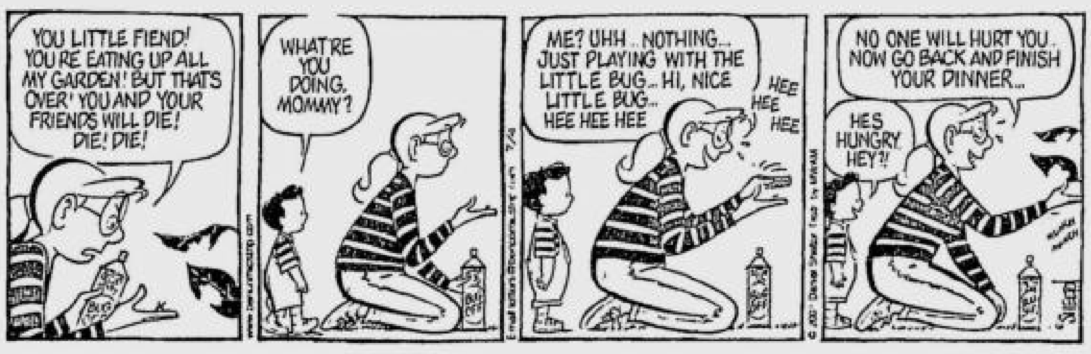
YOU LITTLE FIEND! YOU'RE EATING UP ALL MY GARDEN! BUT THAT'S OVER! YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS WILL DIE! DIE! DIE!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING, MOMMY?
ME? UHH... NOTHING... JUST PLAYING WITH THE LITTLE BUG... HI, NICE LITTLE BUG... HEE HEE HEE
HEE HEE HEE
NO ONE WILL HURT YOU. NOW GO BACK AND FINISH YOUR DINNER...
HE'S HUNGRY HEY?!
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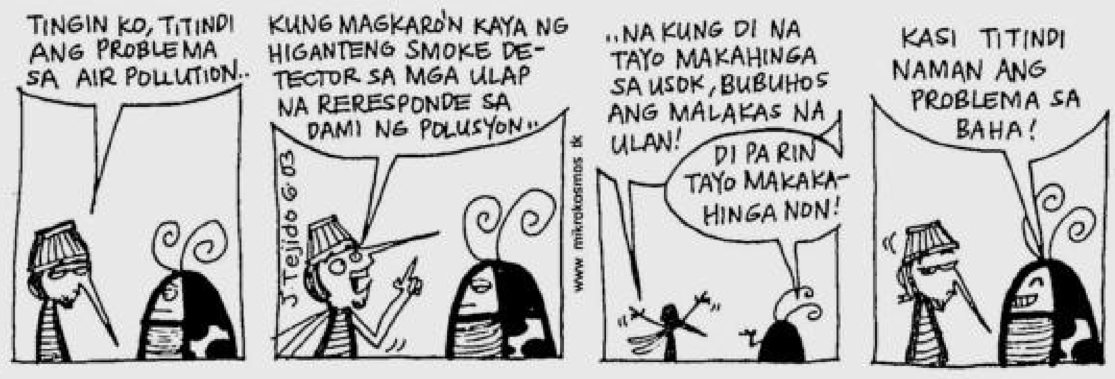
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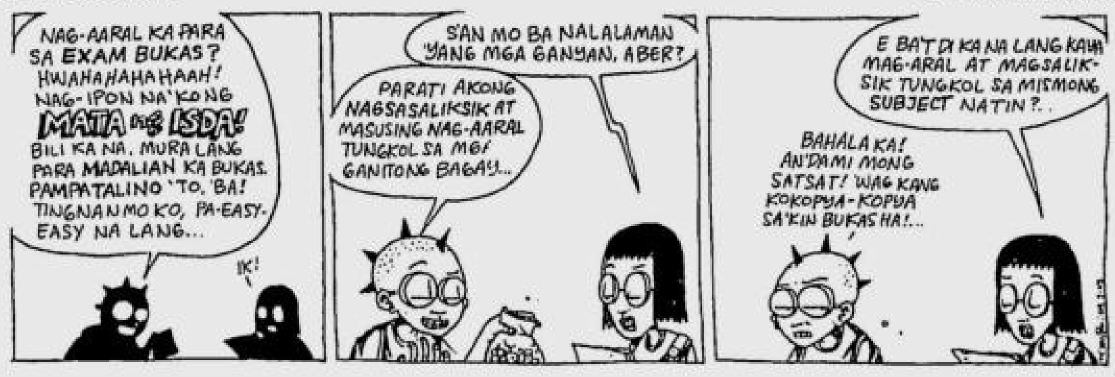
NAG-AARAL KA PARA SA EXAM BUKAS? HWAHAHAHAHAAH! NAG-IPON NA'KONG MATA NG ISDA! BILI KA NA. MURA LANG PARA MADALIAN KA BUKAS. PAMPATALINO 'TO, 'BA! TINGNAN MO KO, PA-EASY-EASY NA LANG...
IK!
S'AN MO BA NALALAMAN 'YANG MGA GANYAN, ABER?
PARATI AKONG NAGSASALIKSIK AT MASUSING NAG-AARAL TUNGKOL SA MGA GANITONG BAGAY...
E BA'T DI KA NA LANG KAYA MAG-ARAL AT MAGSALIKSIK TUNGKOL SA MISMONG SUBJECT NATIN?..
BAHALA KA! AN'DAMI MONG SATSAT! 'WAG KANG KOKOPYA-KOPYA SA'KIN BUKAS HA!...

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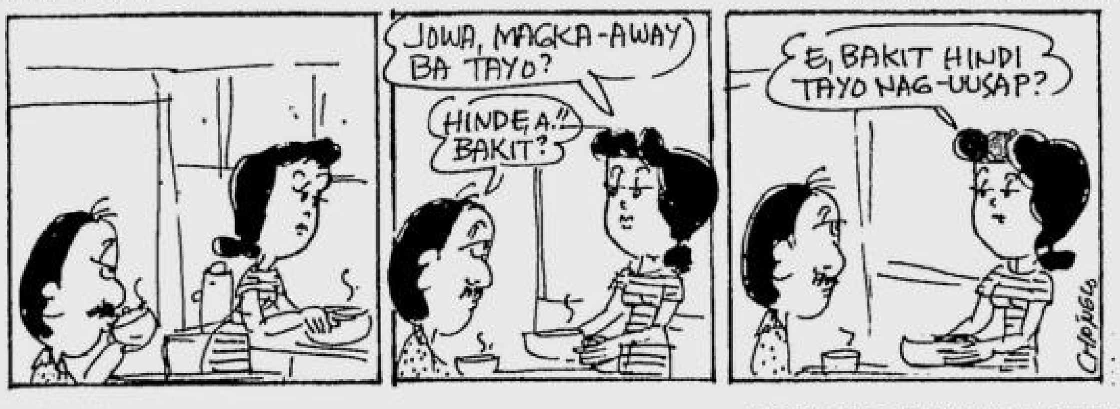
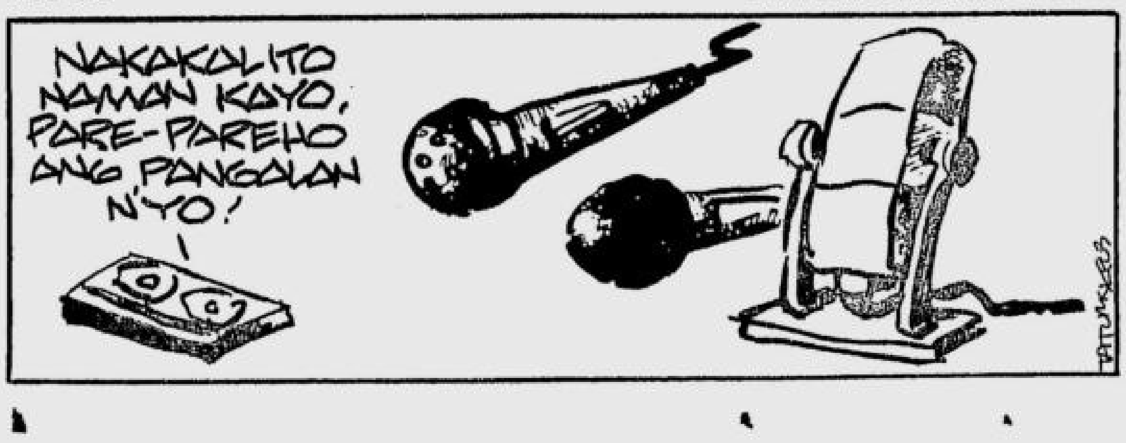
BY ELIZABETH CHIONGLO


JOWA, MAGKA-AWAY BA TAYO?
HINDE, A..!! BAKIT?
E, BAKIT HINDI TAYO NAG-UUSAP?
CHIONGLO

## TULDOK

BY PAPU AND TATUM MILAMBILING


NAKAKALITO NAMAN KAYO, PARE-PAREHO ANG PANGALAN N'YO!
TATUM

# Manila's 25 best-dressed women

PREVIEW, the country's leading fashion and style magazine, presents Manila's 25 Best-Dressed Women in a special collector's edition issue this July.

The 25 style-setters reveal their thoughts on fashion and personal style, and let you in on what kind of clothes they love to wear and where to get them.

Ongoing until July 5 is an exhibit featuring the 25 Best-Dressed Women at the Greenbelt 3 Lobby.

Preview's special issue will be out in magazine stands this July. The magazine is published by Summit Media.

**ANGEL** Jacob

# Toy fair offers big discounts

STA. Lucia East Department Store and Planet Toys hold The Kiddie Toy Sale until July 30.

Check out the latest Zoids, Micmac, Dragon Toys and Crush Gear collection for boys and Disney dolls, Barbie dolls and kitchen playsets for girls.

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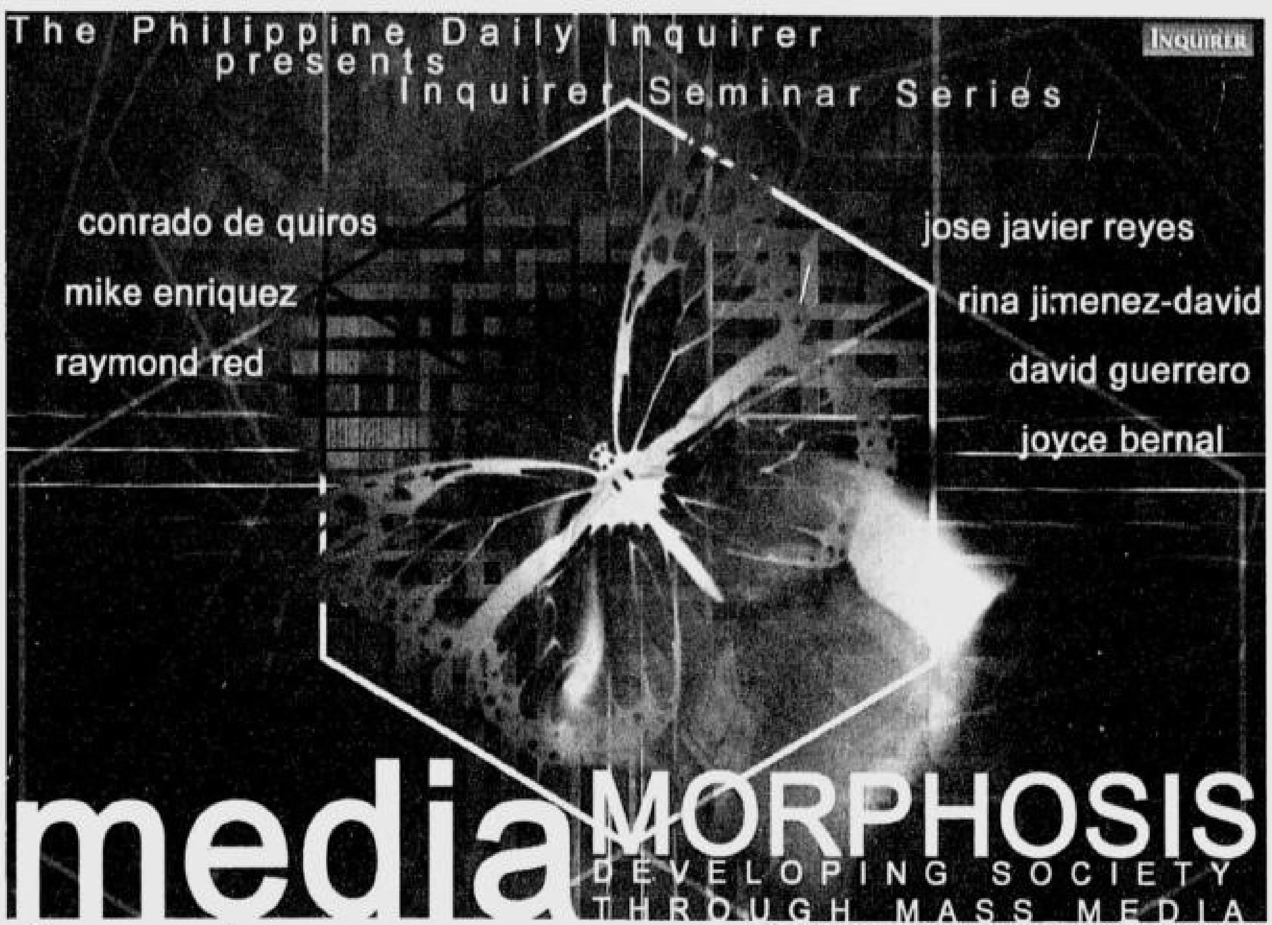

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# Still hung up on old boyfriend

**LIVE AND LE LIVE**

*Tita Dulce*

DEAR Tita Dulce,

I don't know what it is about love, but it makes me feel *boba*. I had a boyfriend—my first love—but sad to say, after a year and a half, it just ended. I have recovered from the trauma of a broken heart, but I still remember the memories of our love affair.

I got myself a second boyfriend, but I just took him for granted as my "*panakip butas*" and to show my ex that despite what happened between us, I was still okay.

But I think my second boyfriend really loves me. In fact, he had my name tattooed on his hand. He is caring, ready to extend a helping hand, very understanding and thoughtful.

One time, during a misunderstanding, I told him I still loved my ex-boyfriend. To my surprise, he said he still loved me. He said he understood and that he would do everything to help me forget my ex. He said everything I told him served as a challenge to him, and (he would) love me more.

He even asked, "Why is it that I have to suffer for the mistakes of others?" I did not have an answer to that question.

At present, we are still on, although there's already a distance between us.

Do I love him? I've told myself I don't, but why can't I let him go? What should I do so that I do not hurt him again?

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First, concentrate on your daily life. You have a job, so make sure you do your duties well. Live from moment to moment, so you don't displease your boss and your officemates.

When you have to choose from among several suitors, take the one who loves you most. In your case, your first love is already part of your past, and your boyfriend now has sworn to you his love.

To prove it, your name is already on his hand. You are in his mind and heart. You should be grateful that he has given you his love.

One reason he is very caring and shows it is because a man really prefers to do the wooing. He wants to be assured he has done everything to win the love of his life.

When a woman does the flirting and is the first to show affection, a man might be interested for a while, then change his mind, having won someone he really did not want.

Be a gracious girlfriend. Inspire him to do his best. But the more important thing is to be someone he admires always. Remember, too, that love in a man's life is only a part; but it is a woman's whole existence.

What I am trying to suggest is for your to be very admirable so that he will always keep you in his mind. You should also remember that there are more females than males in our population today. You are lucky that you have a boyfriend who really is sincere.

Live each day to the fullest, and forget the past. Yesterday is gone, live for today and for tomorrow.

Good luck. And don't forget: God moves in mysterious ways, and more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of.

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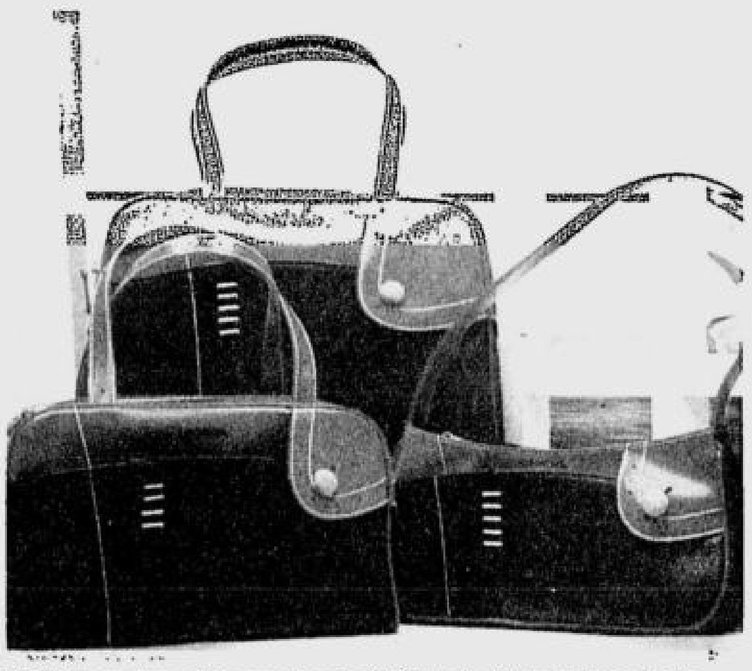

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# Leather care made easy and more stain removal tips

From page F1

ganic stains like blood, grass stains, baby's poop, etc. I use it a lot because it really works, but I doubt that it would remove epoxy stains. My understanding is that it breaks down the enzymes that cause the stain, but since epoxy is presumably some type of synthetic compound, it may not be effective for it.

Maybe you can share this with the reader with the epoxy problem so she doesn't go through the trouble of looking for Oxyclean in the Philippines.

I read an article last week regarding one of the problems of your reader. It had something to do with Mighty Bond or Epoxy that stuck to her clothes. I just want to share an easy solution because the same thing happened to me last year. What I did was to put a small amount of acetone (yes, it's the same solution that my wife applies when she wants to remove her nail polish) on a piece of cotton and rub it on the stained areas.

But please make sure to try this first on a hidden part of your dress since it might ruin the texture of the fabric.

Thanks for letting us know that Oxyclean does not work on epoxy stains. This will definitely spare our reader from having to order that particular product. But if you can easily get your hands on such a miracle invention anyway, I suggest that you do. It's a great alternative to Clorox and other such bleaching products, which may sometimes ruin colored clothing when not used properly or carefully.

As for the use of acetone to remove epoxy stains, I say it's worth a try. Your garment is ruined already so might as well try different methods of lifting the stain. To prevent further damage, remember to do a test-run on a concealed area of your soiled clothing.

I hope the above-mentioned ideas help out other readers in a similar predicament. Thanks for sending over your suggestions and please continue to e-mail your helpful tips so we may share them with other interested readers.

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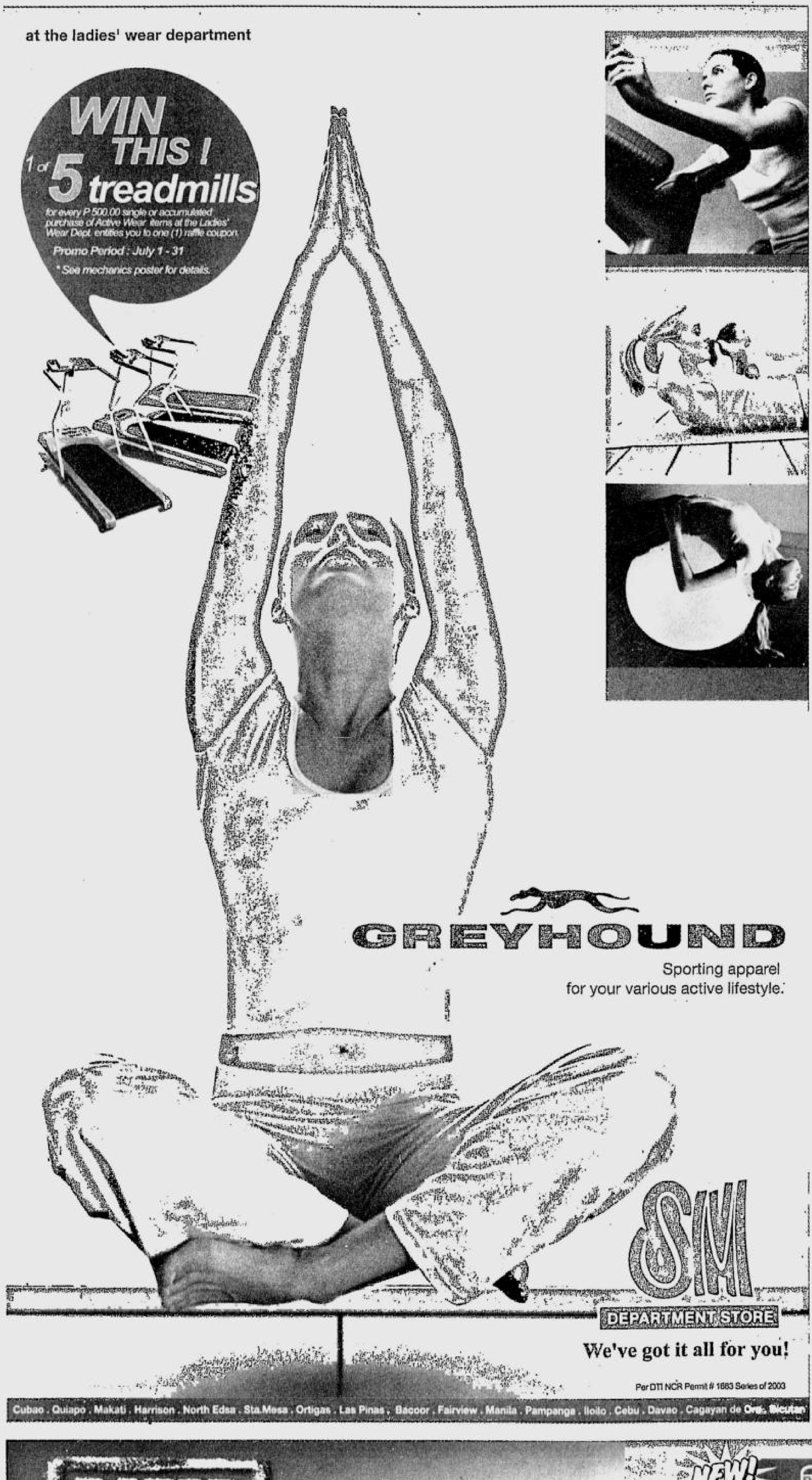

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## Home LifeStyle

# Flair, form and function in ongoing home furnishing exhibit

**By Jon-Jon Rufino**
*Contributor*

THE ARCHITECTURAL firm Archion Partners showcases furniture and home accessory designs in an exhibit which runs one more week in Kish, in Greenbelt, Makati.

On display and for sale are the creations of architects Dan Lichauco, Peter Ong and industrial designer Gabby Lichauco.

Archion is the same architectural firm behind such projects as the Ateneo Gokongwei School of Business in Ateneo, the Aquino Center in Tarlac, and the soon-to-be-completed Medical City Hospital in Pasig.

Interior designer Miguel Rosales said the collection is "true to Archion form, decidedly contemporary silhouettes merged with function to produce stylish solutions for everyday use. It showed that the local design scene is alive and well, and not just for export."

Among the items exhibited are cubed chairs that contrast the clarity of glass with the outrageousness of faux fur. During the show's opening, El Circulo's Malu Gamboa immediately took claim of the very comfort-

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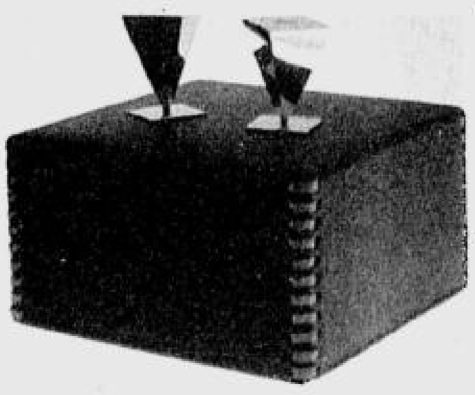

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**GREGGY** Araneta chats with Baby Cruz, Andy Bautista and wife Irene Marcos Araneta

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# Fairyland in Madrigal bash, fairies on Gay Pride and 15 more of the most invited but unwelcome

AT THE STRIKE of 7, Cosmo Manille's alta sociedad started breezing in, quite unfashionably on time, dahlings, to greet the celebrators: philanthropist and Empress of Manille's society, **Chito Madrigal Collantes**; Jewelmer's luscious pearl, beauty and brains **Baby Cruz**, and respected gentleman of the old school and wealth, Dr. **Daniel Vazquez.**

Socialite **Ising Madrigal** honored the Gang of 3 in a celebration that was a mixture of familiar and new faces. There was no generation gap at this happening, *palanggas*.

There were **Ariana Ortigas Borromeo,** great granddaughter of Chito and Ising; grandchildren **Julian Madrigal**, **Sofia Gonzales** and **Xavier Cruz Bautista** (Baby C's grandson). Also present were hip young singles, soon-to-be matrons, super-influential hotshot men and women, and old-wealth families.

The chi-chi, well-heeled 300 guests helped themselves to two long tables of French, Spanish and Italian cheese with several legs of sweet Virginia Ham. Red and white wine flowed endlessly to drown the finger food.

There was the threat of rain and, in fact, it started to drizzle at one point. Adorable Ising V. took a shot of vodka to calm her nerves. Chito's sprawling garden was changed into a virtual fairyland by **Boysie Villavicencio**. Three tents were set around the stage with gorgeous hanging antique chandeliers, all from the home of the late Doña **Carmen Earnshaw Vazquez.**

**SEN.** Tito Sotto with wife Helen

**BEAUTIFUL** couple Judy Duavit V. with Miguel Vazquez

**JULIE** with husband Warner Manning, HSBC country head

**WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH**

*Maurice Arcache*

Photos by **Alex Van Hagen** on Kodak Max

The motif was "Diwata," and the focal point was the cascading waterfalls with life-size bronze mermaid statues holding up water jars. Tons of orchids and lush foliage were brought down from Chito's and Ising's farms for the affair. Beautiful red lanterns hanging from the huge trees provided the backdrop for the stage. The one-of-a-kind La Tasca excellently prepared the scrumptious buffet. There were different buffet tables set around the garden, from the cheese tables to the *lechon* entrée and the popular tempura from Sugi's Japanese houses.

Displayed prominently were the three birthday cakes (with three candles each) for the three celebrators. The cakes were superbly made by **Bettina Kahn-Legarda** to complement the theme: They were adorned with fairies for Chito, flowers for Baby, and birds with butterflies for Daniel.

Yes, dahlings, it was one affair that will not be easily forgotten.

Lady of style **Irene Marcos Araneta** was obviously on a rare night-out, and she chatted with Philippine Tatler editor and INQUIRER columnist **Anton San Diego**, who asked if she could be featured in his Friday column Style-Eyes. "Sorry, Anton," she replied, "I don't read the papers, but I know about your column."

Making a grand entrance was stunningly gorgeous **Nise Yabut Cojuangco** in a fab black see-through that showed her luscious Demi Moore-esque bod. She was escorted by constant companion, *tres charmant* and renowned French surgeon, Dr. **Pierre Clero,** who has a clinic in Ayala Alabang, called L'Clinique International D'Schique.

The big splash of the affair—literally—was when a well-known businessman bumped into a champagne bucket. Champagne, which was flowing endlessly, spilled to the ground, prompting Chito to tell her guests, "Don't worry, there's more of that at the bar."

## Spotting them

The hottest ticket in town last week was Gay Pride in Malate. It transported the gay pride parade usually seen in San Francisco, New York, New Orleans and Brazil to Manila. In this case, it was an all-white party in downtown Manille, *palanggas*.

Nakpil and Orosa Streets were closed to traffic and packed sardine-style with gays, heteros and bisexuals with several name-droppables.

The highlight of the night was the staging by 20 hunks with buffed bodies of a macho dance a la Chippendale. All inhibitions were shed, and the mob partied till sunrise.

Sala offered a sumptuous dinner for P1,600 per person plus all the wine and vodka you could drown in. Young mega entrepreneur **DJ Montano** of Acquario Bar and Inner Circle Restaurant was one of the brains behind this affair. Super entertainment was provided by singer **Jaya** and **Tex Ordoñez** of Dream Girls.

Cuervo Tequila celebrated Pride 2003 with an estimated crowd of 2,000 night owls and personas. The evening was organized and hosted by **JR Isaac,** who wore white fur pants designed by **Mimi** and **Juliet Tan** of DAACS. Two video walls showed supermodel **Angelo** doing his catwalk. NBK's **Manolet Dario** seduced the crowd with his eclectic combination of New York house and dance anthems. Madonna's "Ray of Light" was endlessly played.

## The last 15

16 This gorgeous young beauty will stop at nothing to get into the right circle. She tried making a scene once upon a time and got her name in most of the dailies. Then she started hanging around clubs and bars that dudes and babes frequented. Well, she got her man who went ga-ga over her vivacious body. Until one day, it was all over, except for the memory of a tumultuous affair. Hint: She's now seen at the hottest spots in town soloing it—for now, dahlings.

17 This well-known businessman has this addiction of showing up at functions he is not invited to. When you bump into him, he says he has just arrived and then asks where the host is. Hint: He gives his outdated cards to impress people.

18 This supposed gentleman for all seasons has become a bloody snob since his success as businessman. It's really a case of too much, too soon. Hint: He's a fanatic of five-star restaurants.

19 Model-turned-bad seed was once the toast of the modeling world. He tried show biz, but his star soon dimmed. He later entered a business partnership that became a sticky mess. When the business dissolved, it took some time for him to settle his debt with the partner. There are rumors saying he has turned to another business: the flesh trade (selling his own body, mind you!), especially catering to homosexual foreigners. Hint: He's still good-looking and is part of the night scene.

20 This young gent with a very unpopular background swings around town like he's the son of the President. Aside from his super-tinted luxury vehicles, he has another super-tinted back-up van usually boarded by several bodyguards. Then he enters a club, looks for a table nearest a group of babes on a girls' night-out, and sends them several rounds of drink. Once he has charmed them, he makes his move, which almost all the time turns the babes off. La-di-da, *palangga*.

**THE GANG** of 3, Chito Madrigal Collantes, Baby Cruz and Dr. Danny Vazquez, with the hostess Ising Madrigal Vazquez

**BABY'S** famille: son Brey Cruz, Baby Cruz and daughter Tisha Cruz-Bautista

**DR.** Pierre Clerc with gorgeous Nise Yabut Cojuangco and architect par excellence Anton Mendoza

21 This infamous wealthy gentleman is seen all over town with some of the prettiest women, whether single or separated. But the date usually turns sour. Why? Rumors say he is a great guy to go out with, but when it's time to pay the bill, he does a quick French exit or goes to the men's room. In other words, he's not a generous date. Hint, *palanggas*: He is always in bars or hotel lobbies on the lookout for a pretty or new face, when he is not shuttling between Manila and the South.

22 This shrewd business magnate stops at nothing to get his way. He is known to lose his temper easily. He throws his weight around and tramples on people. Hint: He had a super bad scene at a meeting recently, where he threw insults at everyone but lost the argument.

23 This gorgeous lady for all seasons goes around thinking she's a beauty queen. Unfortunately, she has never won a beauty contest in her life. *Naturellement*, men of all ages and statures go bonkers whenever she's present. The women can't stand her because of her beauty and her flirtatious ways with men. Hint: She's still a stunner even now as she's close to the golden years.

24 Once the toast of Cosmo-Manille, he's now avoided like the plague. He is forever name-dropping hotshots, claiming they're his best pals, yet these same people make a fast exit whenever he's around. Hint: He loves speaking with an upper-crust Connecticut accent, although he wouldn't know where Connecticut is. Ooops, again, *palanggas*.

25 She is a movie star of quality, beauty and talent. Yet she is hated by peers. Why? Because she treats newcomers as if they were her househelp! *Moi* was present in one big affair where most of the guests, women especially, were openly saying, "I wish she does not show up." Well, *palanggas*, you win some, you lose some, *n'est ce pas?*

26 Okay, let's go back to embassy row. This *tres* suave ambassador, who is *tres charmant*, is usually in the most invited list. But very few know that many women dread the thought of his arrival because of his reputation for arranging afternoon dates with women and pouncing on them. Hint: He is known as the lady killer of the diplomatic corps.

27 This mountain climber usually irritates people in parties. Just because he is *tres* visible and connected to a very high-profile and successful young lady, he now believes he was born with the same platinum spoon in the mouth as her.

28 This hotshot business magnate, who is very much married and with grownup children, and is infamous for his philandering, has lately become *tres* visible with his buddies, cruising bars and picking up pretty young or not-so-young things who still hang out with him since he is a great spender.

29 This fab business lady with a golden heart has everything, including a lover and the admiration of her peers. But she turns ugly when she has one drink too many. Hint: Most of the business she gets into turns into gold.

30 Last but not the least, there is this well-read columnist in a certain daily who is major bad news whenever he makes his entrance at a function. People shun him because he is a fake charmer. He may be all smiles and wit, but beware, *palanggas*, he will demolish your character and reputation once you turn your back.

There you have it, *palanggas*. How many bull's-eyes did you hit?

Before I close, I'd like to say a huge "thank you" to all of you who sent me 122 text messages, 50 phone calls and 18 e-mails from New York, San Francisco, Paris, Madrid, Japan and Taiwan—congratulating *moi* on my first column last Tuesday.

Yes, *palanggas*, it's great to be back home at the INQUIRER. Catch you around!

**AMBASSADOR** Benny Tantoco with Edith Rabat, Ado Escudero, Menchu Tantoco with husband, Southern gentleman Jun Lopez

**BPI's** Gigi Montinola with Singapore businessman Boontee Chan, Andy Bautista and attractive Marjo Chan

**JOSE** Mari Chan, Paz Yuchengco, Spanish Ambassador *el simpatico* Ignacio Sagaz and Maryanne Ansaldo Chan

# Bayani Fernando is not welcome in this place

**SEEING GREEN**

*Doris Gaskell Nuyda*

IN THE MIDST of the furor over the Metro Manila Development Authority's plan to cut or remove trees to ease traffic on Katipunan Avenue, QC, comes news of a project in reverse.

This is the Ayala Hillside Estates, an Ayala Land Inc. (ALI) project, which is using trees and more trees for environmental and beautification purposes.

The news comes as a relief. It's always good to know there are places in this congested metropolis where trees are welcome and considered beneficial, not obstructive.

The development is part of the old Capitol Hills Golf Course (built in 1964) where residential communities are now rising, literally surrounded by an 18-hole course.

Its developers are making sure that existing natural assets are conserved and maintained. It even set down rules of conservation.

There is, for instance, the rule that stipulates that trees, especially old ones, are not to be touched, so that the lot owner must build his house or other structures several meters away from existing trees or away from the property line.

ALI has even gone the extra mile by building roads that skirt old trees, rather than moving them to another locale or cutting them altogether.

These and similar rules are to be strictly followed in the Ayala project and monitored by the residents themselves through their neighborhood association.

There are other rules that, while unwritten, are enforced. One is: plant trees whenever feasible and necessary, and stick to existing terrain because the more earth you move, the more erosion you create.

Living near a golf course or in the middle of one may make some people wary, says Tom F. Mirasol, ALI's senior division manager for land and community development. But his group has taken that consideration well in mind.

It is a wariness not of the danger caused by an off-target golf ball which, he hastens to add, is hardly possible in the light of all protective measures they've taken, but more in the use of water.

Golf courses are considered by some as notorious for their water consumption, but at the Ayala Hillside Estates, the problem is tackled quite simply.

First, by reducing the course to half its size, thus lessening its water needs. It has also built manmade lakes and makes use of new technology that provides what Mirasol calls an "intelligent irrigation system". This results in a better water management system and, on the side, better grass.

The lakes have been expanded to contain more water, which is allowed to trickle out during heavy rains to prevent flooding not only in the estate but also in the neighboring communities.

Planning the lots in small clusters makes it possible to allow more green space in the public areas. The extra greenness provides a calming and quieting effect on residents, as well as minimizes traffic.

For being "green" developers, the Makati Development Corp., general contractors for ALI, has received the much-coveted ISO 14001 certification. ISO, incidentally, is the French acronym for International Organization for Standardization. It is a worldwide federation of standard bodies based in Geneva, Switzerland, established in 1946 for the standardization and facilitation of international goods and services.

There are several of these goods and services that seek standardization, and 14001 corresponds to those under the environmental category.

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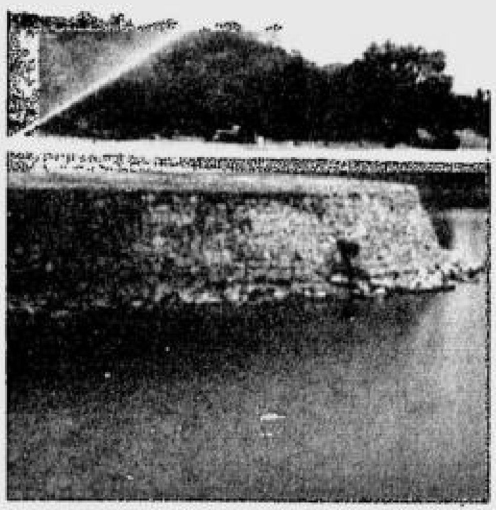
> An Ayala development project clusters houses amid a golf course and respects the dignity of trees

THOUGH new roads are built at the Ayala Hillside Estates, old trees are left untouched.



VIEW of the manmade lake that constitutes a "waterfront" for some of the houses in the project.

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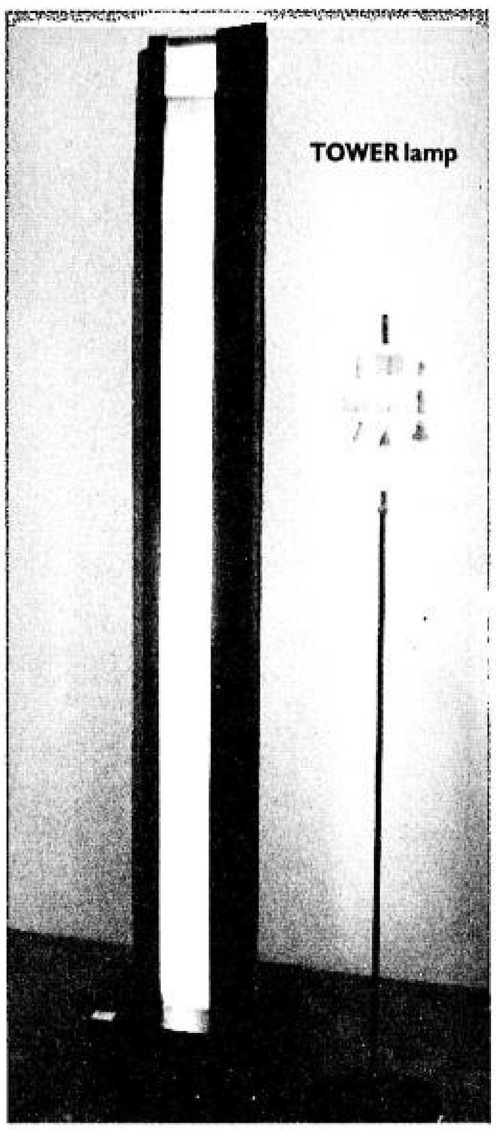
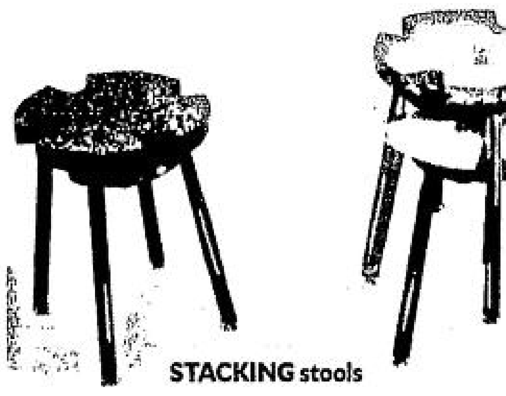
# Flair, form and function in home furnishing exhibit


TOWER lamp


STACKING stools

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able chair.

Her friend Leica Carpo, however, was more interested in the versatility of the lights. She admired Dan's "streamlined and uncluttered design."

She was referring to a tower lamp with four movable doors that control the amount of illumination in the room. The lamp can be made to any color, any specification.

For the space conscious, Archion presents another chair with a drawer under the seat and a bag hanger built into the backrest.

There are also bright-colored stools cut into flower patterns. These are stackable either for storage, or to create elements of varying height in the entertaining area.

DJ Montano enjoyed how every piece in the collection had a touch of whimsy.

Another lamp doubles as a light sculpture if dimmed to the fullest, though at a higher setting the 10 fluorescent bulbs will brighten any home space.

Tina Tinio was pleased to find pieces that could fit into her lifestyle, like the stackable stainless steel base that holds one, three or four tall candles.

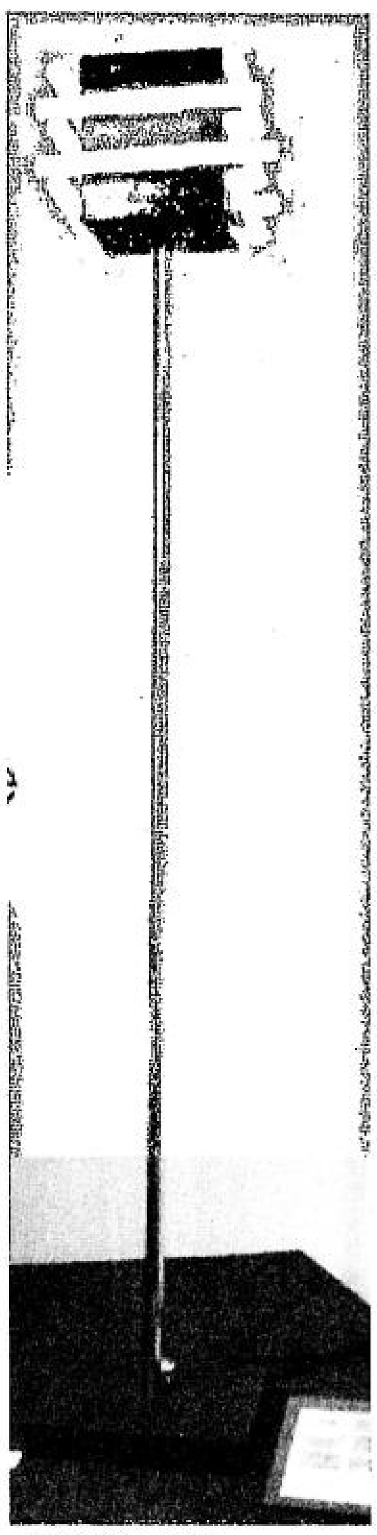
Reminiscent of the crosses in a game of jackstones, or perhaps of the shape of an X-wing fighter, these elegant holders can be used on top of a coffee table or to color a dining-table setting.

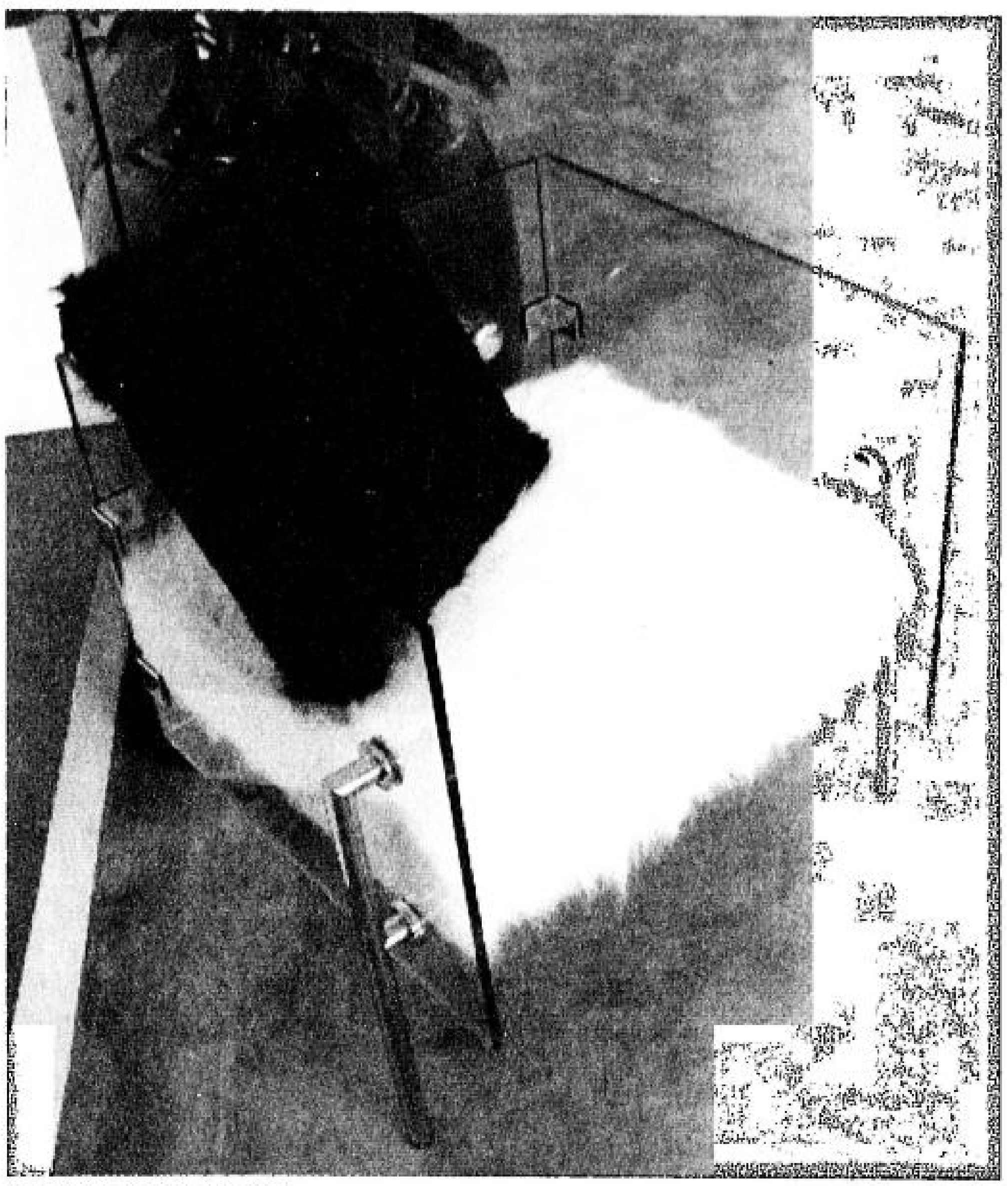
My favorite item is the light that fits in the CD or book shelf as one of the books. Playing with the flexible metal neck, one can alternate the glow to highlight different pieces in a display shelf as the mood or occasion warrants.

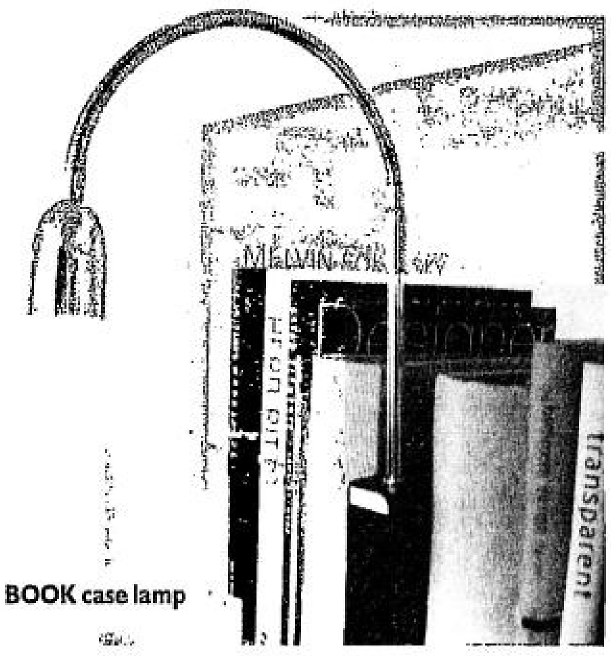
Felix Barrientos commented that he had not seen anything like the creations of Dan Lichauco and his partners in Manila, and that he was thoroughly entertained by the pieces, which will be made part of the permanent collections for sale at Kish.

Dan has always said that, in order to know what his architectural clients want, he asks them what it is that they would have their guests think of them when they see their house or office.

Owners of Archion wares project an image of playful intelligence, of people who are mindful of both form and substance.


LAMP with 10 bulbs


GLASS chair with faux fur


BOOK case lamp

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